

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The 11 Airmen

THE debate that has occupied so much of the time of the United Nations in the past week over the imprisonment of the 11 American airmen by the Chinese Government will persuade many who are sceptical of the efficacy and general usefulness of that body that it has, once again, demonstrated its great value and has added another achievement to its already long list of accomplishments since its formation. The Free World will generally approve of the measures taken by the United States Government to secure the airmen's release. Indeed had the administration succumbed to the pressure of the Republican extremists to enforce a blockade on the China coast it would have constituted serious contempt for the principles of the United Nations and it would have considerably weakened its prestige as an organisation specifically designed as a forum where international problems may be discussed and acted upon according to prevailing world opinion. Many will no doubt share the Indian view that justice, as the West knows it, demanded the presence of Communist China at the debate, that it should have been possible for Peking to reply at the United Nations and not via its official radio station. It might even be argued that had Communist China been represented in the United Nations before now and had the Americans adopted a less truculent attitude to Peking, the dispute may never have arisen. The case therefore should strengthen the resolve of a number of non-Communist nations to have the Peking regime seated as soon as possible. Under the circumstances, however, if other Democracies had employed India's argument to justify abstention in the United Nations voting, it would have meant sacrificing an important principle—that of the release of all prisoners of war following the cessation of the Korean hostilities—for a legal nicety which the West can ill-afford.

THE BIG FREEZE CONTINUES

New Gales, Floods And Snowstorms Sweep The British Isles

LONDON'S ICY ROAD MENACE

London, Dec. 12. Gales, floods and snowstorms swept the British Isles today in the third week of the worst weather since the disastrous floods of two years ago.

Some parts of Britain faced added perils today after heavy frost and snow. Flooded roads around London were frozen over and in north Yorkshire snow ploughs were clearing many roads as an overnight snow storm continued this morning.

The wintry storms were also responsible for these incidents:
● Mourners for an elderly flood victim in the Irish Midlands went to her funeral by rowing boat. A sudden snowfall stranded a football team in the North of England for two hours.
● High winds kept the Queen Mary out of drydock at Southampton.

The floods rose in Maidenhead, Berkshire, during the night and today parts of the main streets were under three feet of water.

In the west coast town of Fleetwood, Lancashire, emergency repair squads stood by the battered sea defences all night, but despite a 30 feet tide and a freshening wind the thousands of tons of rubble poured into gaps in the sea walls stood firm.

In the Thames valley the peak of the floods is expected today. Last night many roads were impassable as the river continued to rise.

Woman Gets Top Czech Post

Cabinet Reshuffle Announced In Prague

London, Dec. 12. A 57-year-old widow became the woman with the biggest Government post behind the "Iron Curtain" since Rumania purged her former Foreign Minister, Mrs. Ana Pauker, Prague Radio said today.

Mrs. Ludmila Jankovcova, a former Social Democrat, has held Cabinet rank in Czechoslovakia since 1947—even before the Communist coup d'état. She was Minister of Industry, then Minister of Supply and since 1950, Minister of the Food Industry.

In the Government changes announced by Prague Radio today, she becomes a Deputy Premier and the post of Food Minister is taken over by Jindrich Uher, former Premier and Minister of Agriculture.

CONTROL MINISTERS

At the same time, Dr. Václav Škoda, former Minister of Justice, was also appointed a Vice-Premier. Under the present Czechoslovak administrative set-up, the Vice-Premiers control different groups of ministries.

The minor governmental reshuffle follows elections held in Czechoslovakia on November 28. The outgoing Government formally resigned and a new government was formed by Premier Václav Škoda. The appointments of the two new Vice-Premiers were the main changes from the old list.

Mrs. Jankovcova, a former teacher who has travelled widely in Europe, was a member of the Czechoslovak resistance movement during World War Two and was twice decorated. Her husband was executed by the Nazis. She has a son aged 10.

POLITBURO MEMBER

In June this year, she was elected one of the highest posts in the Czechoslovak Communist Party. She became a candidate (non-voting) member of the Party's Politburo, which directs policy.

Russia has only one woman minister, Mrs. Maria D. Kovrygina, appointed Minister of Health in March, 1954. She is not a Deputy Premier.

The Jewish-born Ana Pauker, formerly Europe's leading woman Communist, lost her top posts in the Rumanian Government and Communist Party in a purge in the summer of 1952.—Reuter.

A sudden six-inch snowfall in Northern England's Westmorland County stopped a train carrying 300 football fans home from London until a snowplough arrived two hours later and cleared the tracks.

REPAIRS BROKEN

At Wallasey, England, where the River Mersey opens out into the Irish Sea, winds of gale force blew in at high tide and crumbled repairs in a 40-foot gap of the sea wall for the third consecutive day.

Dry-docking of the giant 81,000-ton liner Queen Mary for her annual overhaul at Southampton was postponed for the second day in a row by 30 m.p.h. winds.

Dublin's southern suburbs dried out from a flash flood which drove 5,000 people from their homes last week. Metal workers worked Sunday overtime today at Stockport, England, on parts for a railway emergency bridge to replace the railway bridge which had to be blown up in Ireland because it was damming the swollen River Tolka.

The parts for the bridge, which is of the same type as those that were thrown across

the Rhine in the Allied advance of World War II, will be rushed aboard the first ship leaving Liverpool tomorrow and are scheduled to arrive in Dublin on Tuesday.

Italy fell flatly today in the Irish Midlands around Athlone where 50 square miles of farmlands are under water.

Boats manned by soldiers and Red Cross families huddled on the thatched roofs of their cottages and carried fodder to cows and sheep stranded on tiny green patches of high ground.

UNDER CONTROL

The Army authorities said that for the moment the situation was "under control". Hundreds of farmers were still refusing to leave their water-logged lands and Army rescue boats brought them food and blankets.

Army rescue boats took neighbours to Mrs. Bridget Hughes' funeral at Athlone today. Mrs. Hughes, 85, died in a hospital there on Friday after she was rescued from her flooded home. She was the only fatality so far of the Irish Midland floods.

Scotland Yard Got The Photographs

Sydney, Dec. 13. Scotland Yard, London's police headquarters, went into action to recover two photographs for an Australian woman.

While in London last year, Mrs. Elizabeth Fraser of Melbourne, paid 6 shillings to a street photographer for two snapshots. She was due to sail home next day, but the photographer promised to mail the photographs.

Months passed with no sign of the snapshots, so, eventually, Mrs. Fraser wrote to Scotland Yard.

The photographs arrived almost by return of post, with a letter from Sir John Nott-Bower, Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, saying he was pleased to have been of service. — China Mail Special.

Mr Anthony Nutting Says: 'IF CHINA ATTACKED FORMOSA, BRITAIN WOULD BE INVOLVED'

New York, Dec. 12. Mr. Anthony Nutting, chief British delegate at the United Nations, said tonight that a Communist attack on Formosa would be an attack on a United Nations member, "and of course Britain would be involved as a member of the United Nations."

He was speaking in reply to questions during a television interview. Asked if an attack on outlying Formosa islands would be considered an attack on the United Nations, Mr. Nutting replied that it was not a good thing to advertise what one's intentions were to the potential enemy.

BRITISH HELP

Questioned about the offer by Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the United Nations Secretary-General, to go to Peking in connection with the case of the 11 American airmen imprisoned by Communist China, Mr. Nutting asserted that this was Mr. Hammarskjöld's mission and that he could not say what Mr. Hammarskjöld would do.

But he added that the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking would do anything he could to help.

Asked if Britain would join the United States in an economic blockade of China if Mr. Hammarskjöld's mission failed, Mr. Nutting insisted it was not an economic matter but a matter of the Chinese having broken the Korean armistice agreement.

CO-EXISTENCE

Mr. Nutting said: "Peaceful co-existence is possible but I would not describe the co-existence we know today as peaceful."

He said the West was striking a trading balance between not throwing the Chinese into the arms of Russia and not giving the Chinese equipment for aggression.—Reuter.

RARE SPIRIT

Mr. Nutting said tonight Mr. Hammarskjöld was approaching "with rare missionary spirit" the task of freeing the 11 American airmen.

Mr. Nutting called the Chinese action a "great and grievous wrong". He cautioned, however, that Mr. Hammarskjöld was not empowered to negotiate for the airmen's release but only to "make unrelenting efforts."

NO RISK OF WAR

Mr. Nutting said he saw "no risk" of war with the Communist world "as long as we in the West remain solid, united and strong."

Mr. Nutting said his Government recognised China because "we felt we should realise the fact of the Communist government."

He said this did not mean Britain approved of the regime. Mr. Nutting said British recognition of Communist China had not hurt Anglo-American relations. He said Britain's vote in the U.N. condemning the imprisonment of the American airmen showed that his country was "square behind the United States."

"We don't always have to go along the same road as long as we have the same goals," he said.—Reuter and United Press.

Huge Waves Did This!



Huge concrete blocks, which had been tossed about like toy bricks by the huge waves, mark the breach in the sea wall caused by heavy storms at Fleetwood, Lancashire.

A gap some 300 yards long was torn in the wall. Now plans are in hand to evacuate 2,500 people in the event of floods.

Throughout the day, tons of rubble have been thrown into the breach in an attempt to hold back the sea from the fishing port.—Reuter.

Tried To Steal A Battleship Piece By Piece

Kobe, Western Japan, Dec. 13. Police recently arrested a gang led by a 30-year-old Korean who, piece by piece, had been quietly stealing a Japanese battleship.

The battleship Mutsu was sunk near here in the Inland Sea during World War Two. Before they were arrested the gang had "salvaged" more than 50 tons of metal from the sunken hulk and sold it as scrap iron.—China Mail Special.

Father Called Teacher

Mount Isa, Australia, Dec. 12. The father of a pupil at the State school here was fined £25 (£24 sterling) for having caned a 21-year-old woman teacher with a three-foot stick.

Pleading guilty to a charge of common assault, William Wheatley, a mine employee, told the court he had struck the teacher across the buttocks in front of her own class because she had struck his son the previous day.—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG MAN DIES IN MALTA

Allegedly Injured In Fight With Sailor

Valetta, Malta, Dec. 12. Hongkong's Principal Probation Officer Donald Arthur Peterson, 38, of Sydney, Australia, has died from injuries allegedly received in a fight with a British sailor near the well-known Hotel Phoenix.

John Tucker Thomson, 20, of Colchester, Ayrshire, a seaman aboard the warship H.M.S. Striker, has been charged with murder.

Mr. Peterson, who arrived in Malta last Tuesday, returned to his hotel early Thursday morning, covered with blood.



MR DONALD PETERSON

The porter asked him if he needed assistance, but Peterson replied: "No."

When he did not appear for breakfast later in the morning, Hotel authorities entered his room and found him unconscious.

He died later in hospital without recovering consciousness.—United Press.

MR PETERSON'S VIEWS

Mr. Peterson, who has done much for juvenile delinquency in Hongkong, accepted the post of Principal Probation Officer in the Social Welfare Office, in 1950. He was eminently qualified for his work, and had been a

clinical psychologist for four years before taking up his appointment in Hongkong, after having studied under Professor Dawson at Sydney University.

He took the Diploma in Social Science at Sydney, and then trained extensively as a case worker with the Australian Red Cross Society. Later he was appointed a counsellor under the scheme for rehabilitating ex-servicemen by the Australian Department for Post-war Reconstruction. He went to England in 1948 to broaden his experience and administrative organisation.

In Hongkong, Mr. Peterson's duties included the building up of a modern and effective probation service with the object of preventing crime through constructive work with and for potential or actual delinquents. In addition, his responsibilities covered all other activities in connection with the prevention of delinquency.

BROAD INTERESTS

Mr. Peterson was a man of broad interests. In his youth he was at one time a professional kangaroo shooter and a keen sportsman. He studied slinging under Harold Williams, and sang leading roles in amateur operas.

He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Corinna Peterson, and a mother, Mrs. Clara Fraser, both in New South Wales, Australia.

FIRST SEEN IN 1951

Dr. Wilkins is a seismographer—an astronomer who specialises in the moon. He has just completed researches into the moon cracks which were first sighted in 1951.

MORE 'CRACKS' SEEN ON THE MOON

Warning To Space Travel Enthusiasts

Hold that rocket ship—the moon is cracking up. Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, who has been studying the moon for 44 years, reported today that many cracks were appearing in its surface, and they seemed to be multiplying.

He said he feared the dream of just shooting a rocket ship at the moon in the belief that it would come to a safe resting place was over. From now on, rocket ships designed for the 240,000-mile journey would have to be able to direct themselves to safe lunar arks.

He said he found many new ones and some in the process of being formed. They disturbed him because, as a member of the British Inter-Planetary Society, he was interested in space exploration.

But there was no need to fear that pieces of the moon would break off and hurtle through space.

"They are all surface cracks," he said, "ranging, I would say, from 50 feet to one mile deep. But they are very broad—even our biggest telescopes won't see anything less than 200 yards across at that distance."

The cracks appeared to "disprove" the theory that the moon was covered with a layer of dust. Dr. Wilkins said, "His own theory is that the alternate baking and freezing of the moon by its 300-degree variation in temperature from noon to midnight is responsible."

"But whatever the reason," he said, "it is going to make space ship landings hazardous until such ships are equipped to change direction as they approach the moon."—United Press.

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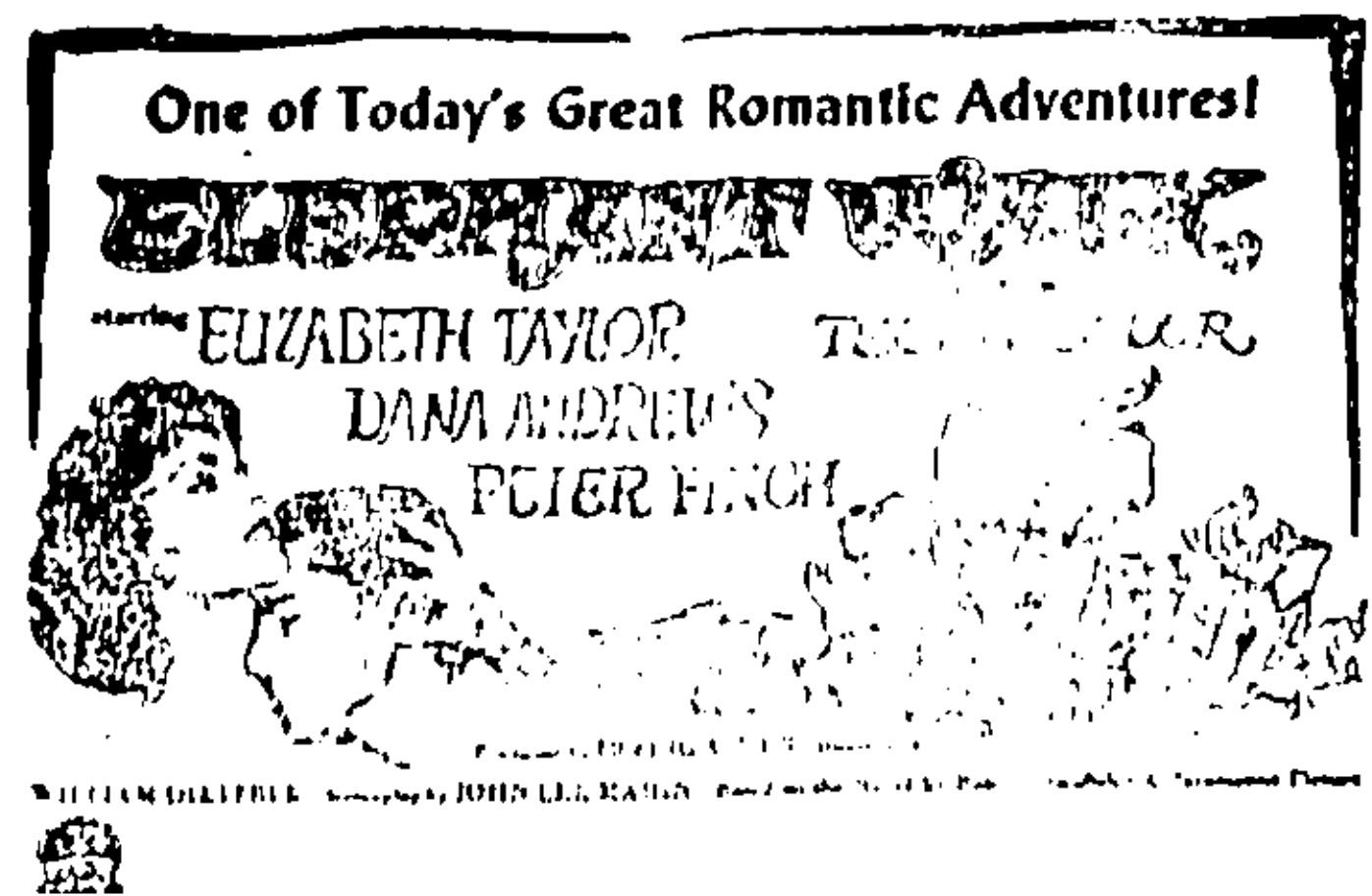
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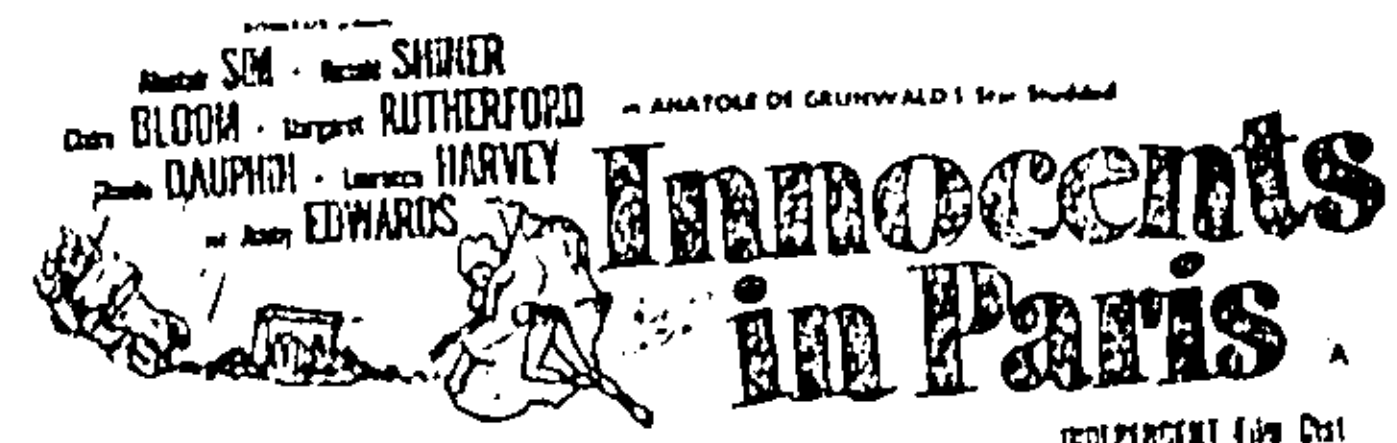
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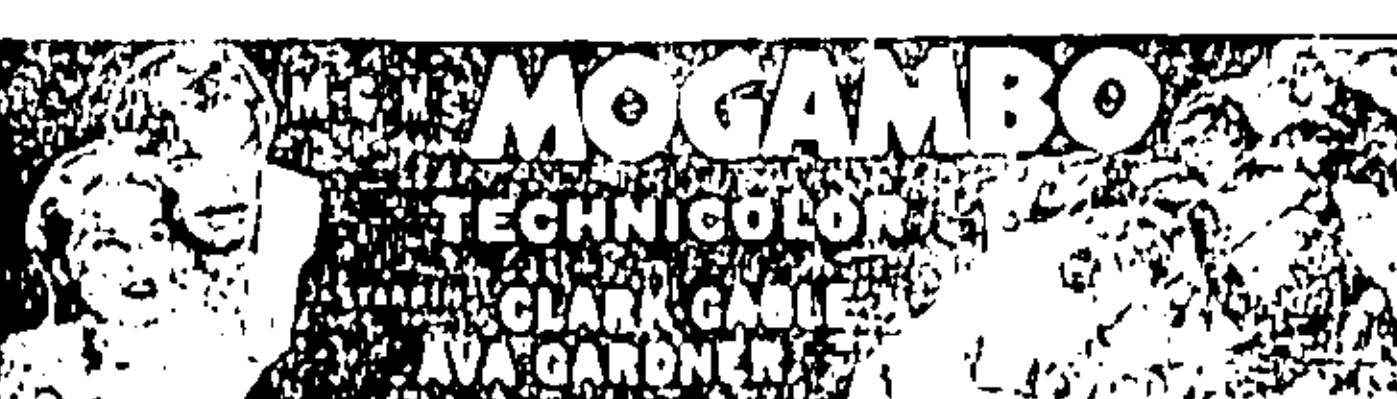


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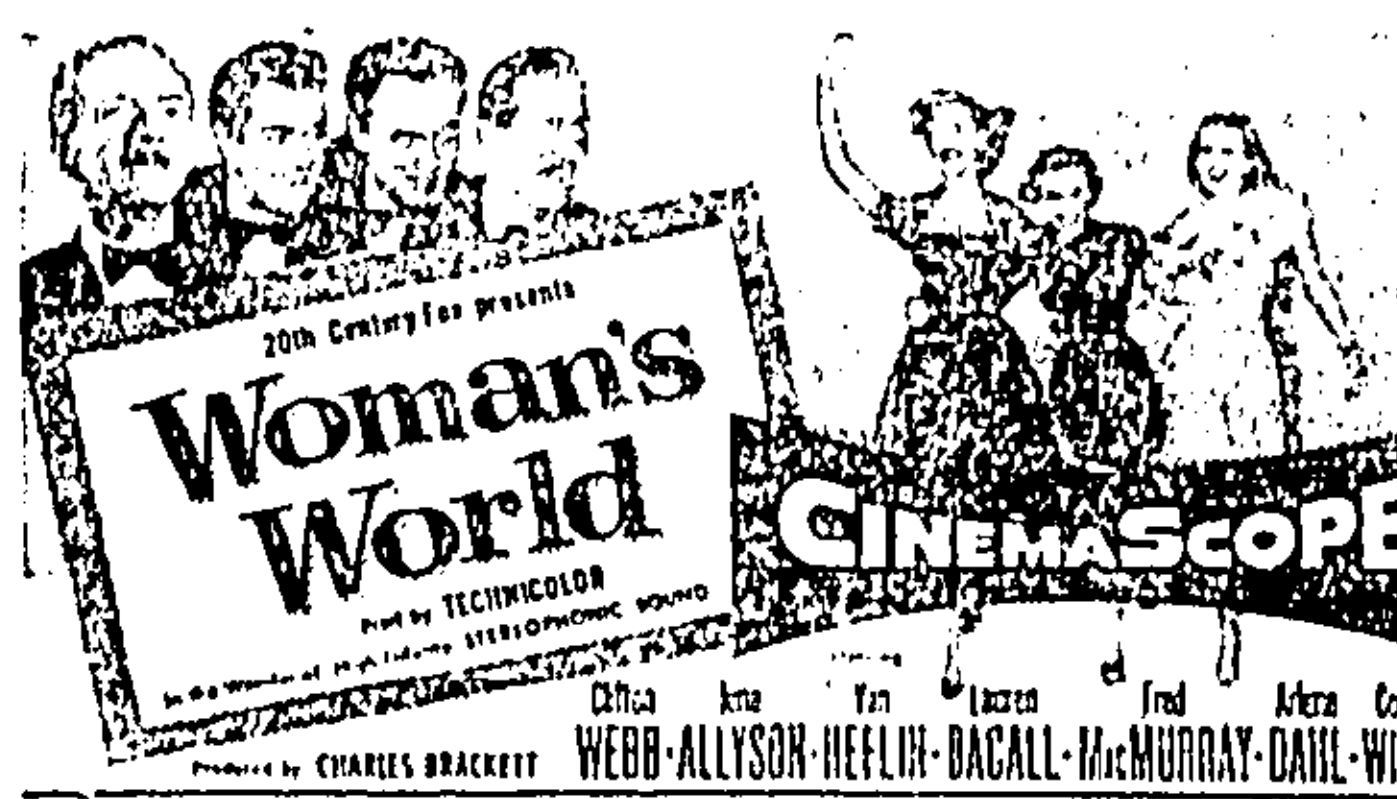


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AMNESTY REFUSED

Fellagha Chief Offers To Surrender DEADLINE RUNS OUT

Tunis, Dec. 12. The Franco-Tunisian authorities today refused amnesty to the last terrorist chieftain in Tunisia, who offered to surrender too late. The amnesty deadline ran out at Friday midnight, after 2,713 members of the "Nationalist Liberation Army" had surrendered and given up 2,106 weapons to the Franco-Tunisian amnesty teams.

The authorities announced late last night that a surrender offer had been received. The offer came from Tahar, the last of the known fellagha chieftains, who is believed to command a group of about 40 terrorists.

SUSPECT
But an announcement from the office of the Resident-General, General Pierre Boyer de la Tour, said today that Tahar could not be pardoned because he was suspected of killing two prominent pro-Franco Tunisians while talks were in progress between the Franco-Tunisian amnesty teams and the terrorists.

Tan today announced from the Residency said: "Amnesty has not been granted by the Resident-General to Tahar Lassoued. He is accused of murders during the period of negotiations. If he is to lay down his arms, he can only do it unconditionally." General Boyer de la Tour was flying tonight to Paris to report directly to Premier Pierre Mendes-France on the success of the amnesty policy. Meanwhile, French troops and security forces in neighbouring Algeria were stepping up their efforts to flush the fellagha "Army of God" out of the barren Aures Mountains.

Two Arabs known for their pro-Franco feelings, were killed in the Aures yesterday by terrorists, who set off a string

of bloody riots across Algeria on November 1.

In Constantine, a bomb exploded before a local bar today and a merchant was shot and seriously wounded while walking in a main street.—United Press.

PROTEST MEETINGS IN ITALY

Rome, Dec. 12. Hundreds of protest meetings were organised by Communists and leftwing Socialists throughout Italy today on the eve of the parliamentary debate on ratifying the Paris agreements to rearm West Germany.

Several leaders of the Communist Party have already announced that their deputies will not use obstructive tactics in the debate in the Chamber of Deputies opening tomorrow.

Communist spokesmen, surprised by this restraint, predicted that the Chamber will approve the Paris pacts before the Christmas recess—if the Communists keep their word.

Monarchists and Neo-Fascists have already stated that they will line up with the coalition parties in supporting the agreements. This would mean ratification by a majority of about 50 votes in the 590-member Chamber.

A similar majority is expected in the Senate.

Italy's protest meetings, Communist speakers denounced the Paris agreements as a step towards war. But so far there is no indication that the party intends to organise serious resistance outside Parliament.

WILD ATTITUDE
Government spokesmen thought one reason for this apparently mild attitude was the series of anti-Communist measures announced last week.

These included a clean-out of Communists in high Government posts, refusal of public works contracts to firms known to have Communist owners or managers, refusal of import and export licences to firms dealing with Iron Curtain countries and the severing of Government relations with hundreds of commercial and other co-operatives set up by the Communist Party in the past 10 years.

A Government spokesman claimed that these measures would stop the flow of some 27,000 million lire (about £15,000,000) into Communist Party coffers every year.

A spokesman of the coalition Government, which comprises the Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and the Liberals, said the Communist Party was now being forced into isolation and was anxious not to accelerate that process by taking a tough line on the Paris agreements.—Reuter.

PEGU, Lower Burma
An old lady who lived at Mokpala, near here, committed suicide, leaving a written prayer that she should not encounter any Karens in her next existence.

She had been robbed of Kyats 500 (about £40), which she had saved to buy gifts for Buddhist monks as an act of merit, when Karens raided the town in October. Heart broken that her life savings had gone, the old woman took her own life.—China Mail Special.



Nuns pray in St Peter's Square, Rome. Anxiety is felt by Catholics throughout the world over the falling health of His Holiness The Pope.—Express Photo.

ADENAUER LOSES CONTROL OF HESSE GOVT.

Frankfurt, Dec. 12. Social Democrats in Hesse today made certain of keeping the state's administration out of the hands of followers of Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, by forming a coalition with the Refugee Party.

Dr Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrats have already been excluded from the Government of the state of Bavaria by an alliance between the Socialists and other parties.

Elections were held in both states on November 28. In Hesse, the Social Democrats failed to win enough seats to govern the state single-handed, as they had done previously.

But the Refugee Party's seven seats, added to their own 44, will give them a majority over the Christian Democrats (24 seats) and their allies, the Free Democrats (21).

APPROVAL
The state boards of both the Social Democrats and the Refugee Party gave their approval to the alliance today.

The alliance in this state will not affect voting strength in the Bundestag, the Federal Upper House, which represents the state governments.

But the Social Democrats pact with three other parties in Bavaria will cost Dr Adenauer his two-thirds majority in the Hesse necessary to push through any constitutional amendment required for the rearmament of West Germany under the Paris treaties.

Bavaria was previously ruled by a coalition of Socialists and the Christian Socialist Union, the Bavarian branch of Dr Adenauer's Christian Democrats.

But when the Premier, Dr Hans Ehard, was a Christian Democrat, and his party were the stronger partners, the Bavarian representatives usually voted for Dr Adenauer's foreign policies in the Bundestag.

The new Bavarian Premier will probably be Dr Wilhelm Haerter, Social Democrat, Interior Minister in the previous Cabinet. The Bavarian Parliament meets tomorrow to elect the new Premier.

STILL HOPING
A few Christian Democrats are still hoping that the vote might upset the coalition agreement between the Social Democrats, and

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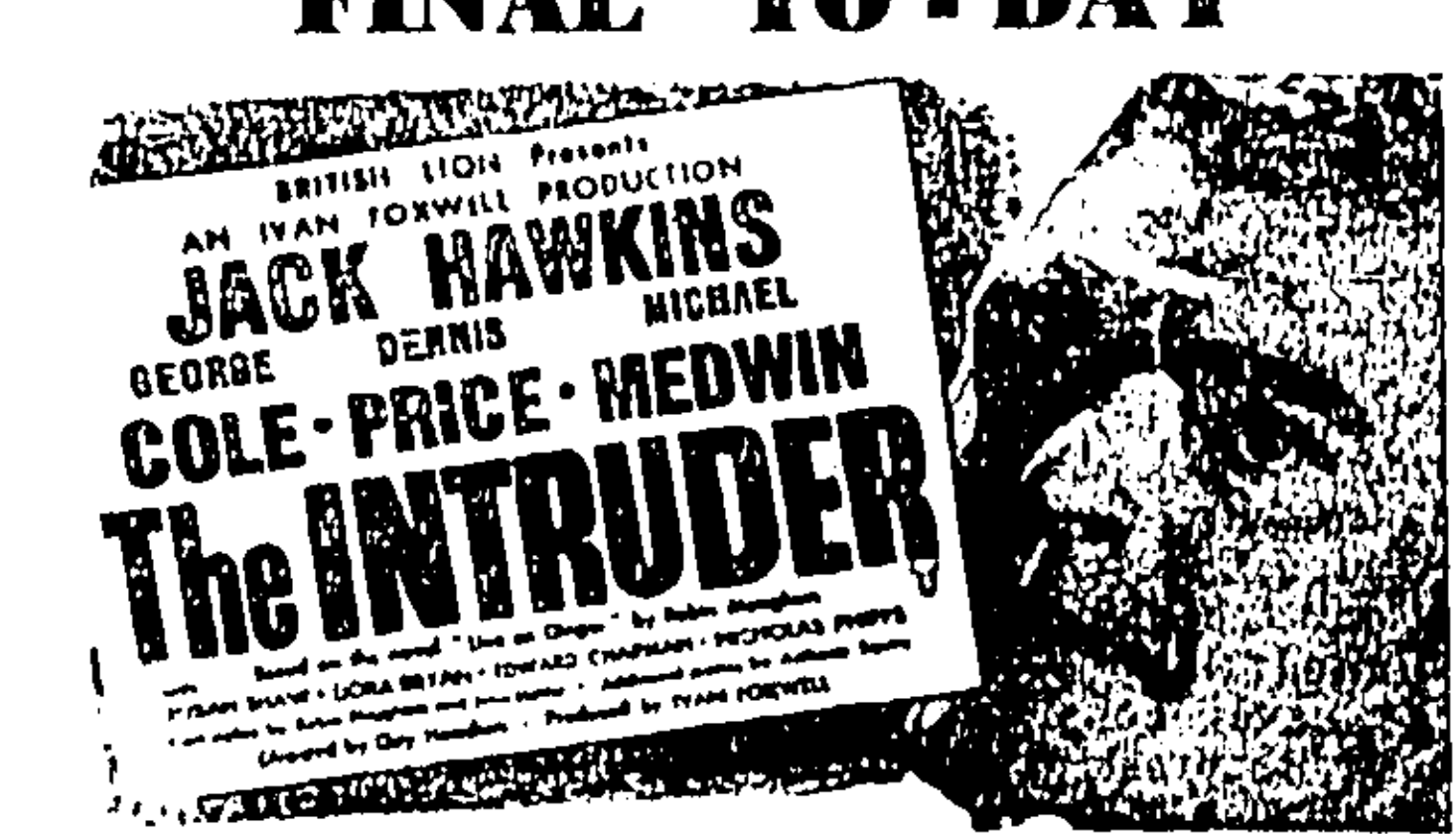
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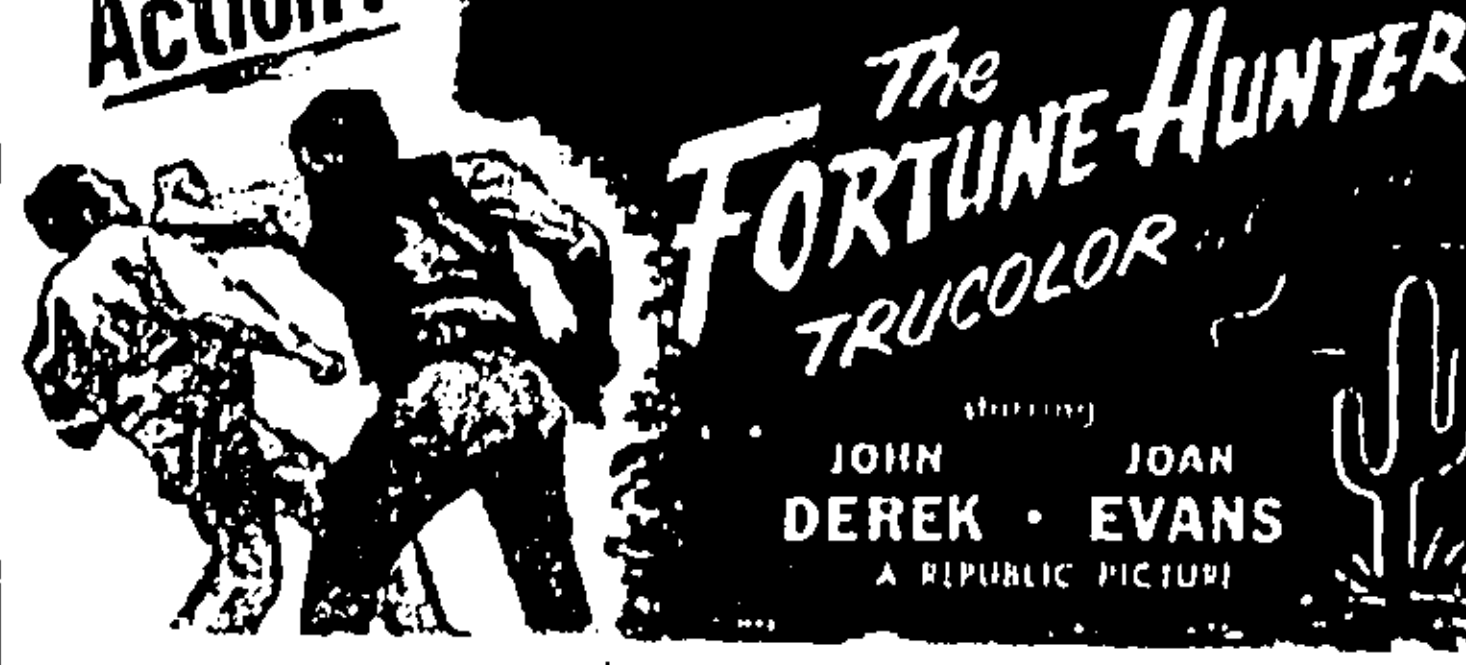
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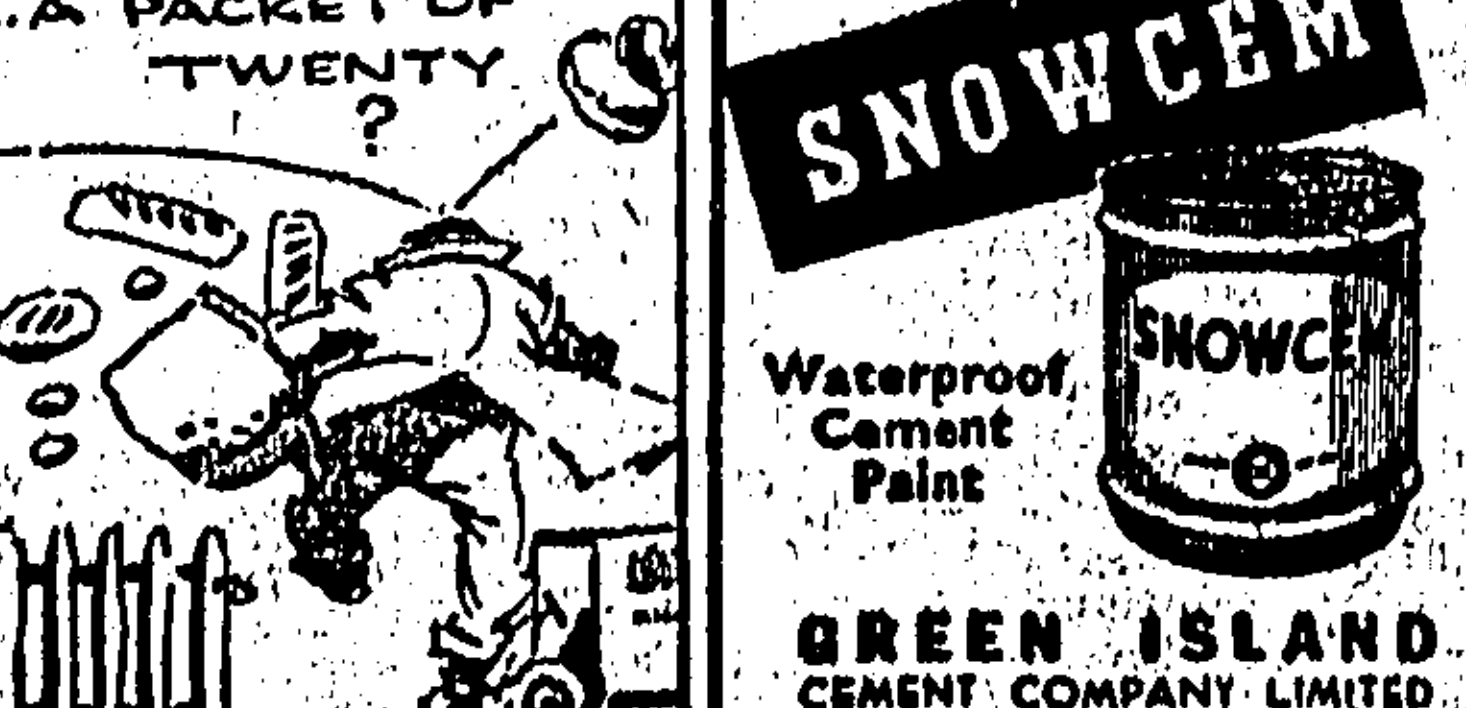
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PARIS AGREEMENTS OPPOSED

West German Social Democrats Want Reunification

Bonn, Dec. 12.

Herr Erich Ollenhauer, West German Social Democrat opposition leader, who is due to meet Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, tomorrow, tonight called for an all-out effort to keep the country free of new Western alliances.

Dr Adenauer is meeting Herr Ollenhauer in an attempt to get some bipartisan support before the Paris treaties, rearming West Germany in association with the West, come up for debate on Wednesday in the Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament).

The Ollenhauer message was sent in a statement to the executive of the Social Democrats, which ended a two-day conference today.

It said that in view of various Western declarations and the Russian warning that German reunification would be impossible in West Germany, the Social Democrats must use every means at their disposal to prevent West Germany's being pulled into NATO and the planned Western European Union.

WANT TALKS

The Party issued a statement at the end of the conference, asking all West German parties to compel the four occupying powers to open talks with the Social Democrats for German reunification.

The Social Democrats said the Paris treaties would erect a barrier to reunification, which they consider the prime policy aim of West Germany.

In an unanimous resolution of the Party Executive, the Social Democrats declared that the four occupying powers have a duty to open negotiations for the peaceful reunification of Germany in free elections.

The formation of military blocs, incorporating both East and West Germany, was being given priority over other power negotiations, and the occupation powers were asked to consider the possibility of German reunification.

Dr Adenauer is also expected to meet Walter Eberhard, head of the 10,000,000 in West Germany, before a meeting in Bonn.

The Federation said at its congress earlier this year it would not agree to rearmament.

CARDS NOW CAPITALISTIC

Moscow, Dec. 12. The long arm of Communism has caught up with the card playing, one of the 10th marks of capitalism. A young Communist, monthly magazine of the Young Communist League (Komsomol), told readers that card playing was incompatible with the principles of Communism. This magazine said: "This is not a game of chance, but a first link. Card playing, one of the hundreds of the process of educating our people and Soviet youth in the spirit of Communism, is today, in our struggle for the New Man, for a worthy life—China Mail Special.

Sun Temple In Need Of Repair

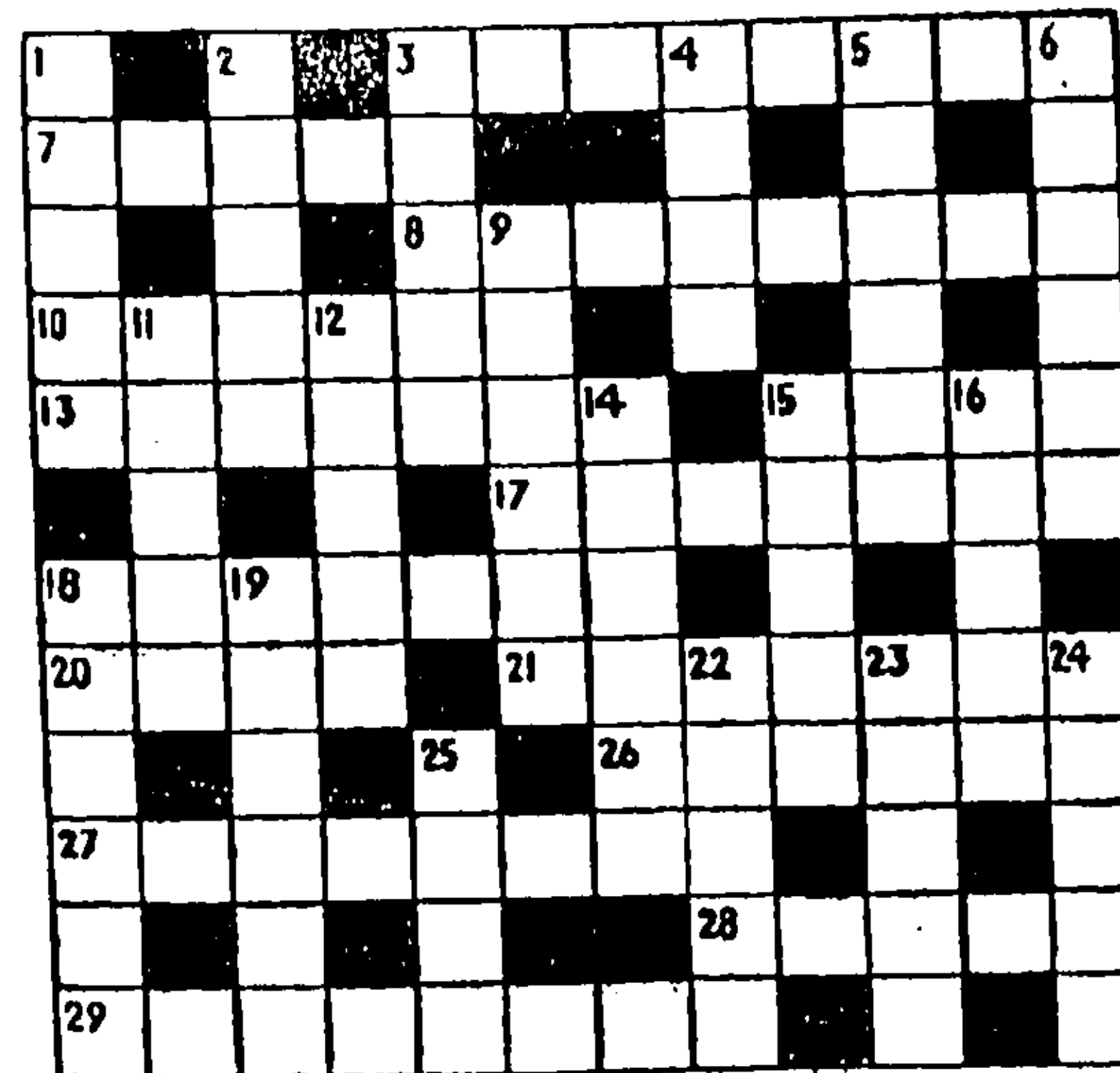
New Delhi, Dec. 12. All possible steps are now being taken to repair the Sun Temple, which is in a state of disrepair. The temple, which is a famous place of pilgrimage, is in need of repair.

A Committee of experts had suggested last year certain remedial measures, including structural repairs.

This famous temple, one of the marvels of India, was built by Narasimha Deva I in honour of Surya, the Sun God. The temple is in a state of disrepair, and the only portion of the temple now standing is a small portion of the main structure.

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A British Crossword Puzzle



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3 Acquire knowledge (5).
4 Large plant (4).
5 Part of the eye (6).
6 Sober (6).
7 Cooling instructions (6).
8 Practice of lending money at exorbitant interest (5).
9 Fish (5).
10 Land a property (6).
11 Clean (6).
12 Min. of religion (5).
13 Royal residence (6).
14 Relieving (6).
15 Add local clause (5).
16 Details (6).
17 Rasp (6).
18 Daybreak (4).

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President Peron (centre) has an item explained to him by the General Secretary of the Atomic Energy Commission of the Argentine, Captain Iraolagotia (left) during his visit. —Express Photo.

Int'l Conference Condemns Rearming Germany

Paris, Dec. 12.

An international conference here presided over by M. Edouard Daladier, French Prime Minister at the outbreak of war in 1939, stated tonight that the consequences of the London and Paris agreements, rearming West Germany, would be "extremely serious" for easing of international tension.

This was part of a statement approved by the conference, called to oppose German rearmament at the end of its two-day meeting.

Speakers included British Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Ben Parkin, former Austrian Minister, Dr Dobnerberger, and Professor Halser of Heidelberg University.

The conference was called to the attention of its office to

U.S. MUST KEEP UP GUARD

New York, Dec. 12.

Admiral Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said today that the United States must "keep its guard up" even if Russia accepted President Eisenhower's atoms for peace plan.

"We must hope Russia will go along with the plan, but we should treat all its movements with suspicion until we see what happens," he said on a television show.

Admiral Strauss said there had been "unfortunate misconceptions" about sharing atomic information with America's allies. He said "material of non-weapons grade" had been "quite widely distributed among countries" and "so much progress" would be necessary to make it into weapons that it posed no threat to U.S. security.

In response to a question, Admiral Strauss said unemployment would not "necessarily result" from increasing development of atomic power in industry. He said "many hundreds of companies are interested in developing the atom" for peaceful purposes, but that "all great scientific progress leads to more jobs and less back-breaking labour."

Admiral Strauss also said government regulation of the atom would continue because "this material is poison" and some supervisory action was essential. —United Press.

SENATOR RECEIVES APOLOGY

Washington, Dec. 12.

Democrat Sen. J. William Fulbright, one of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's sharpest critics, has received an apology from McCarthy's backer who sent him an abusive letter during the recent censure debate.

Sen. Fulbright's aides said he received a second letter from Mr George J. Nease of Middle Village, Long Island, New York. The letter said "I am not proud of what I wrote, even though I feel you have been wrong."

Sen. Fulbright accepted the letter, writing in reply that he hoped Americans could keep their good humour even though they disagree.

The Arkansas Democrat was one of the three Senators who filed the original charges that eventually led to a 67-23 vote by the Senate to condemn McCarthy for abuse of two Senate committees and their members.

While debating the censure move on November 30 Sen. Fulbright read the Senate samples of abusive mail he had received from McCarthy's backers. At the time, he said that the Wisconsin Republican "by his reckless charges has so preyed upon the fears and hatreds of uninformed and credulous people that he has started a prairie fire, which neither he nor anyone may be able to control." —United Press.

Christmas Trees Are Now Big Business.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 12.

Twenty-four years ago Roy Halvorson sprayed some white paint on a grubby little Christmas tree.

The transformation has made Halvorson a fortune, and a title he considers "backneyed"—the "Christmas Tree King" of the country.

"It was quite natural I got started in the tree business. I was born in tree country," he said.

Halvorson, 64, began improving on mother nature while selling trees during vacations from college. On one of his forays in the boggy north of Duluth, he stumbled upon a "nondescript, courtless tree."

FUNNY LOOKING

"It was funny looking. About 15 feet of bare trunk and four feet of perfectly formed tree at the top. The colour was a poor green, verging on grey or slightly yellowish. But the bushy portion was so well formed, I was obsessed with the idea it could be marketed."

"So I cut four or five of them," he said.

Back home, he sprayed some white paint on them and the next day sold them.

"I had to give the money back before Christmas because the paint came off a fine needle as it dropped," he said.

"That's when I went to work. I must have experimented with hundreds of sprays and what have you until I found one that would act as a preservative and at the same time make the tree look pretty."

The next year I cut a couple hundred trees, sprayed them and got no complaints," he said.

Since that time Halvorson has sold more than 20,000,000 of the small, sprayed trees. He uses only two colours, white and green, although he has a die cast model that comes already trimmed with ornaments.

BIG BUSINESS

It's a big business now. Harvesting and processing of the trees began last February. After treatment with a special preservative, the trees were put in cold storage.

The first shipment of trees left Duluth in October for the main U.S. and other foreign points, such as South America, West Indies, Switzerland.

About 20 carloads of trees daily leave Halvorson's processing plant here for all of the 48 states. Most of his sales are in bulk quantity to grocery supermarkets, drug stores, variety stores and other retail outlets.

Each tree goes equipped with what he calls a "liqua" tree stand. The liquid stays frozen until it reaches its destination, then thaws and gives the tree a "shot in the arm, or a new lease on life."

INEXHAUSTIBLE

Halvorson has 200 men cutting the trees on 12,000 acres in Northern Minnesota and Southern Ontario. His supply, he said, is virtually inexhaustible because the trees reproduce so quickly.

"Our big job is thinning them."

Before Christmas Eve rolls around, Halvorson figures he'll have sold a record number of trees this season—more than a million. —United Press.

FIRST COPTER LICENCE IN N.Z.

Wellington, Dec. 13.

The first licence issued in New Zealand for the operation of a helicopter has gone to a firm at Hamilton, in the North Island. The machine will be delivered before Christmas. It is an American Hiller 12-B. Work already ordered for it amounts to £13,500. —China Mail Special.

London, Dec. 12.

The British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Hayter, arrived here by air tonight after a 10-day private visit to Paris.

Sir William said he would be leaving again on Friday next together with Lady Hayter and their 14-year-old daughter to spend Christmas in Russia. —France-Press.

COMMUNISM NOT ASIA'S SOLUTION

San Francisco, Dec. 12.

Sir John Kotelawala, Prime Minister of Ceylon, said last night that Communism is not the solution for the problems of Asia because it is materialistic and the Eastern civilisation is essentially spiritual.

Sir John made the statement at a dinner given by the World Affairs Council of Northern California and the Asia Foundation shortly after he told newsmen that on his return to Ceylon he would seek a meeting with the Premiers of the Colombo powers to discuss



SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA

Red China's imprisonment of 11 American airmen as spies. The Premier told some 200 guests that a new world has arisen in which the East has almost overnight amalgamated and involved itself with the West in an essential and inextricable sort of way.

"Asia can no longer be regarded as a passive partner in your affairs but as an active co-operator," he said.

He said that peace is vitally necessary to Asia as the masses who for ages have endured poverty and misery can no longer continue to do so.

AN OFFER

"Materialistic Communism has been offered as a solution to the East's problems," he said, "and I am convinced it is not the solution."

He said his country is seeking to create a political climate which will help to ensure for the people the things they desire and enable them to grow to full nationhood.

"The defence against Communism in Asia should be an economic defence," he said, "since poverty is a challenge that has to be met by social planning."

"We are meeting the challenge by building and reorganising our economies in the best possible manner consistent with the genius of our people while preserving at the same time the best values of democratic society," Sir John said.

He was introduced to the dinner guests by Mr Robert Blum, President of the Asia Foundation. —United Press.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



THE MONDAY PAGE FOUR GETS DOWN TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER.

MISTLETOE MANHUNT

ANNE EDWARDS

AND DRUSILLA BEYFUS ASKING...

WHICH ACE MAKES

A MAN AN AGE

OF HEART-THROBS?



PECK: A MOONLIGHT



CHEVALIER: OH! FLATTERY



HARRISON: ALAS! WOOLLY



SARGENT: FANCY! SO

WHAT is it that gets the girls? Is it a man's smile or his voice, his eyes or the breadth of his shoulders? Is it what he says or is it the way that he looks at her when he says it?

Is it good talk, flattery, success, or the "I-can-get-you-into-pictures-honey" approach? On the eve of the Christmas party season we have cast a critical eye on four of the most successful charmers on the scene—the men most girls would like to be seen at a party with—and out just what kind of a line it is that makes the girls cold.

His look

Under scrutiny: Gregory Peck (aged 38)

Rain-soaked, streaked with grease-paint, grey-haired, wrapped in a blanket and clutching a thick chipped mug of coffee, he looked the most attractive man in the world.

We found him filming the storm, sequence of "Moby Dick" at Elstree.

His fine dark eyes seemed to say so much, his warm smile seemed so inviting, his strong brown frame towered so protectively—that if he didn't say very much it really didn't seem to matter.

His eyes and his mouth smiled slowly and surely. He pushed the hair back from his forehead purposefully, looking down from a great height with a challenging glance full of insolence and promise. "Pity it's raining," he said.

He wandered forward, hands in his pockets, looking longingly at the girl he had just met as if she were the first to hit his desert island in years and he was certainly going to make her as welcome as he could. "This is a marvelous part to act," he said.

His look spelled moonlight and palm trees, his deep, dark voice hinted at a sheik and a white horse galloping off into the night with the girl he loved. He stretched out his hand "Good-bye," he said.

His charm

Under scrutiny: Rex Harrison (aged 46)

The man who is paid to be charming highly as the star of

"Bell, Book and Candle" was making up for the part. Does he find it a strain being charming? "Well, I wouldn't put it like that," he said, being charming itself. "I think conscious charm cannot be charming."

To many women Mr Harrison is the dangerous man they would adore to meet, the man whose natural setting seems to be a silk dressing gown and a martini, the slipshod, sophisticated, Noel Coward character who can play women with a whimsical quick of the eyebrow and a witty crack. And when he walked out on you, you feel, he would suavely order you a drink and fix a taxi.

Alas for the legend. When we met him he was in a woolly dressing gown, homely and human, explaining that he didn't really enjoy a flippant part so much as a play he could get his teeth into—like a play by Christopher Fry.

But when he got up to go on stage we noted he suavely ordered a taxi, fixed up a drink, and strode purposefully out of our life.

His tenderness

Under scrutiny: Maurice Chevalier (aged 60)

We found him at a Press party in Paris. A square little

man with a moist pink face and a shock of white hair, his eyes twinkled overtime and he carried his words as if he were about to break into singing "Louise."

He kissed the lady's hand with a professional tenderness and a quick sharp glance at her figure. "You want to talk about Women?" he said, turning on the Chevalier chuckle and the well-worn Chevalier flattery. "Well, you're a very pretty girl. Let's talk about you."

His elegance

Under scrutiny: Sir Malcolm Sargent, who is 58—but looks astonishingly younger.

Sir Malcolm is a lone wolf in the world where it is smart to be dishevelled. He is elegant beyond words, suave, and polished. He is a world-famous musician, and yet, one feels, as much a connoisseur of pretty women as of choral music.

We met him at Covent Garden, immaculate in a silk

coat after four hours' rigorous rehearsal which would have wrecked any other man's appearance. He relaxed in a seat in the stalls, sipping a glass of milk and sugar. "This is what keeps me going," he said charmingly, stirring in a little more sugar.

Easily he chatted on through the interval, his brown eyes flooded with warmth, his lean, keen face crinkled up in smiles. He talked about his new opera, his tremendous amount of hard work. ("Some say too hard," he remarked.)

On he went, obviously determined to show that success had not spoiled him. "I'm told I've got a lot of thyroid," he said modestly.

We reminded Sir Malcolm of his celebrated entrances at smart places when the famous English conductor arrived flanked by two ravishingly pretty women in mink. He laughed appreciatively. "Two is safer," he said in his winning way.

A fascinating man. Maybe a shade too practised.

TRANQUILLISERS

That's the fancy name for the new souped-up sedatives which 'edgy wives' are taking... but should they? asks CHAPMAN PINCHER

DOCTORS are using a new word in their consulting rooms—a word which is a direct outcome of the turmoil of modern times.

The term is "tranquilliser". It means a drug designed to soothe the nerves of the overwrought, the overworked, and the over-anxious.

The demand for tranquillisers is now so enormous that they are the main money-spinning products of some manufacturers. As a result, the Health Service are suffering as more and more patients go on the doctors' records as "nervous cases." About one patient in every three is being told that his symptoms are purely "psychosomatic"—the result of nervous tension, not of any detectable organic disorder. For these people a tranquilliser is becoming an essential part of the treatment.

Tranquillisers are "souped-up" sedatives with a direct action on the central nervous system. They are supposed to calm fear and anxiety without causing drowsiness.

They range in strength—and risk—from drugs which can be bought over the chemist's counter to agents so dangerous that even hospitals avoid using them unless absolutely necessary.

Some are synthetic, like methyl-pentyl, the so-called "confidence drug," which is being taken as an anti-jitter pill by examination candidates, dental patients, and business executives about to attend board

meetings. Others, such as the new drug reserpine, are obtained from plants. Reserpine, extracted from an Indian herb, was regularly taken in a crude form by Gandhi and is believed to have been largely responsible for his astonishing composure.

It is being used as a highly successful agent for lowering blood pressure, but its main medical and financial future seems to be as a tranquilliser.

Some manufacturers are even making tranquilliser mixtures designed to bring about physical relaxation of the muscles as well as mental calm.

In the treatment of clear-cut nervous disorders tranquillisers are of proved value but some doctors are already warning that they are being given to far too many people as "contentment capsules."

Said one London specialist: "It is bad medicine to give tranquillisers to the harassed housewife whose real need is an understanding husband, and to the business man whose real need is less work."

But tranquillisers have clearly come to stay. Their wide appeal undoubtedly means that we shall become still more a nation of compulsive tablet-takers, in a decade already well qualified to be called the Aspirin Age.

The Ole Blind Mole

FIRST catch your mole. Then make it atomic by putting a radioactive bangle on its tail. And you can then find out if your mole has rhythm.

A moles-have-rhythm girl is Mrs Gillian Crowcroft, who

works for London Zoological Society.

She releases the moles and then tracks their underground movements with an atom ray detector fixed to the end of a fishing rod.

The rays given off by the tail-bangles penetrate the soil and are picked up by the detector.

She knows when the detector is right over an atomic mole because earphones start rattling like a machine gun. Then she marks the mole's path with numbered pegs.

Mrs Crowcroft is working out the detailed rhythm of the mole's life—how much time it takes to each day to feeding, sleeping, and looking after its young.

"The ability to keep in almost continuous contact with a mole means that a start can be made on these problems," she reports in the journal Nature. "Long periods of continuous observation have revealed the nature of the mole's activity rhythm."

Reason for the fishing rod is to stop the mole knowing that it is being followed. Moles are so sensitive to vibration that they could detect even Mrs Crowcroft's dainty footsteps overhead.

The bangle is made of nickel and carries a small brass container holding a little radioactive cobalt.

Mrs Crowcroft is satisfied that the moles are not injured by the slight radioactivity. Nor is it dangerous to any fox or badger which eats an atomic mole.

RENE MacCOLL turns up in Ireland and finds you can still get a laugh even if it rains—and it does rain

THERE'S NO BLARNEY IN KILLARNEY

CRAZY they told me I was when I said that I was going for a motoring holiday in Ireland in November. It will be too dreadful for words, they all assured me.

And indeed, the Irish Customs man at Rosslare, where we landed early on a grey morning after a monstrously rough passage from Fishguard, with the rain bouncing off everything in sight, grinned and said that he doubted if we would gather much sunburn during our stay.

The prospects did not seem auspicious. What might be described as the Public Relations side of Ireland has somehow never succeeded in touching a responsive chord in MacColl's high-pitched tenor voices singing of the Lake of Killarney, shamrocks, bog-bound banshees—all these failed signally to appeal. And on the short list of things which I am determined never to kiss, the Blarney Stone comes very near the top.

My first visit... it's charming

So you had the situation that a character who didn't think he was going to like Ireland much anyway was visiting it for the first time (if you don't count a couple of bleary-eyed breakfasts at Shannon Airport on the way back from the U.S.) and at the worst period of the year. Madness. And so? So I am now in the midst of what, by all odds, one of the most enjoyable holidays I have ever had.

It has rained, of course; and the palm trees (for Ireland has her palms as well as her peat) often look as if they would never get dry again. And an after-dusk drive from Tralee to Limerick was a bit of an ordeal because only a few of the cyclists and none of the pedestrians or cows carried reflectors. And in Galway we couldn't get to sleep until 8 a.m. on account of the celebration banquet which the teams in the finals of the Gaelic football competition were holding at the hotel.

But these are small things compared with the beauty, the uncrowdedness, the friendliness and the charm. Charm is what comes naturally to the Irish, and it is a pity that some

one once labelled it blarney. For blarney is a tiresome, pretentious word; a phoney which I bracket with that other tedious phoney—the gemutlichkeit which those stage Austrians are forever tossing around. On this trip I have encountered no blarney, but a great deal of charm and good manners.

Everything seemed to elick. When we got to Dublin we asked what was on at the Abbey Theatre, and it turned out to be an offering entitled "Is the Priest at Home?" Didn't sound too encouraging, but we went anyway—and were rewarded by some acting that was terrific. I'd say that the cast was about in the same class as the best French actors, and I can't say fairer than that.

Like fifty years ago

Ever tried Gaelic coffee? You put a dollop of Irish whiskey into a glass with hot coffee and sugar; and on top of that you lay a smidgen of whipped cream. Three or four of those and you are feeling singularly little pain....

Some of the prices, too, are almost painless. Out in the west, the Galway Bay oysters are 6d. each, which these days is practically Utopian. And I saw a perfect Georgian house, built around 1750, in good condition, which had just been sold for £500 free-hold. Almost like looking at the advertisements of 60 years ago, isn't it?

But there's always something to worry about everywhere you go, and so the people who do the worrying are staying awake at night over the fact that Ireland's population is not following the world trend.

Downwards is its direction, and books with titles such as "The Vanishing Irish" are whizzing from the presses. I would say that if you forget about statistics and just consider an enjoyment, Ireland today—population-wise—is perfect. You can drive for hours and hardly see another soul. And when you encounter another car—it's an event.

The Irish have not vanished

Anyway, the Irish haven't vanished yet by a long chalk. (And those that are still around are apt to be remarkably good-looking.)

In order to demonstrate that they haven't vanished, they turned out in solid numbers to watch the Gaelic football finals at Galway, Gaelic football being a sort of amalgam of Rugby, Association and basketball.

It was lively stuff and we were standing there amid a mob of shouting fans, and presently a man came along and asked us to move back. I suppose we looked surprised, because he explained politely that we were standing about twenty yards inside the field of play. So

back we went, and a few minutes later we were all standing inside the field of play again.

SURPRISES. In Mullingar, a run-of-the-mill sort of place about 40 miles west of Dublin, there is a cathedral. And in this cathedral are two very fine mosaic murals of St. Patrick and St. Anne, designed by Boris Anrep, an ex-officer of the Czar's Imperial Guard, who did those mosaic pavements in the entrance to London's National Gallery.

It was strange, and rather moving, to find in this quiet provincial Irish town examples in the classic tradition of the religious mosaics of Russia such as I had admired in the Kremlin last spring. Moving—and heartening too, to know that these ancient arts, which are now preserved only as museum pieces inside Russia itself, are part of the living Church far away to the West.

POLITICS. I kept off them since this was a holiday. But a strange echo cropped up. I went one day out to the extreme western fringes of Galway, lonely—and lovely—where, if I had gone any further I would have tumbled into the Atlantic.

In a little red-roofed cottage over a sandy bay I found a retired Irishman who has withdrawn nowadays into isolation. He has no telephone or electric light or running water, and precious few neighbours. He pretends that way.

He is affable and smiling and his manner is the gentlest imaginable. His eyesight is none too good and two huge magnifying-glasses a foot or more in diameter, were features of the simply-furnished living-room.

AS we sat beside the peat fire talking of an episode of Anglo-Irish history which took place in 1916 I asked him unthinkingly why he had not then intervened, for a friend of his was involved.

"Oh, but you see," he reminded me with a twinkle, "I was on the run then."

And so he was.... "On the run." This cheerful, grey-haired chap, plump now, and so short-sighted that he keeps his spectacles permanently fastened to his head with an elastic band, was very much "wanted" about 40 years ago. Photograph and description appeared regularly. A reward if he'd been turned in.... "On the run."

Times is a mocker of passions, a leveller of heroes, and a maker of friends. The man who had been on the run those four decades back reached coolly for the kettle and fussed with the lamp....

Memories are the only things which stalk him now. Dimming memories.

Outside, as I left, the last of the daylight, flung its fading dramatics like a threadbare quilt over the quiet hillsides.

I mean to come back to Ireland. Often.

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THAT TREK GOES INTO REVERSE...

WELL, as envisaged on this page a few days ago, Whitehall followed Moscow's example and turfed out its millions of "able-bodied and redundant officials," packed them off to the vast industrial areas of the North and put them to "material and productive work."

There was only one small snag. By placing these millions of redundant officials in jobs in the North, millions of able-bodied workers already there became redundant.

"There is no such thing as unemployment while we are in power," said a spokesman of the able-bodied government in charge at the time. "The solution is simple."

And forthwith the able-bodied and redundant workers of the North were put to material and productive work in Whitehall. (Used chairs and lampshade from both sides of the House.)

ARMY 2, ST. JOSEPH'S 3

ARMY TEAM LIKE A SHIP
WITHOUT A RUDDER
WITH ROBSON GONE

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Well played the Saints. Swinging the ball about and making the best use of their chances at Sookunpoo yesterday the Green and Whites were worthy winners in a match which although entertaining, never reached a very high standard.

Augusto Rocha's move to Portugal is still pending and, as far as the Army is concerned it is a delay which they must have regretted for the little centre-forward was here, there, and everywhere. He was the power and the brains of a forward line that was generally slick and clever... and on occasion very, very fast.

While the issue was in the balance right up to the last minute, it would have been a great injustice to St. Joseph's if they had been cheated of the points for they played with greater purpose and greater spirit although they were a little fortunate to survive one of the heavy pressure by the Army side without the help of the referee.

The game started in a sensational fashion with Augusto Rocha putting the Saints in the lead after only 30 seconds and was nearly repeating his goal but for a couple of minutes later.

The Saints were obviously concerned by the forward spirit of the Army and took a long time to settle. Wallace at right-back put in one brilliant play to keep the Saints in check, and it was not until midway through the half that Middleton managed to head the equaliser for the Army.

Play was even for a time in the second half and then the Saints, sensing that things were turning their way, applied the pressure.

RAID AFTER RAID

They launched raid after raid on the Army goal and only some brilliant goalkeeping by Lewis in the second half kept them out.

On the surface KMB held all the aces. They had men like Sze To Man, Tang Yee-Kit and Lee Tai-fai in their front rank, yet so close and resolute was the club defence that it looked for a long time as though the Saints would never score.

But exactly the same statement could have been made about the Club. Their forward line was slow and cumbersome and the experimental positioning never produced the desired results.

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He had the unusual compliment of getting a big ovation from the crowd in one stand at the end of the first half and an even greater one from the fans at the other end when he took up position for the start of the second half.

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Middleton and Walsley were the only forwards who played to form. Stonehouse was a hard to handle player for long periods and neither Morris nor Riley had a good game.

The standard of refereeing in this match... while it had no direct bearing on the result... was not very high. Some of the decisions were hard to understand and a little firmness by the man with the whistle would have eliminated the occasional touch of 'needle' that crept into the proceedings.

VERDICT: There is no doubt that the result was absolutely right. The Saints played with an abundance of the Soldiers' never-matched... and as was pointed out to me yesterday... that's five points out of a possible eight that the Army have lost on their own ground at Sookunpoo.

The teams: St. Joseph's: Brown, Box, Hain, Toledo, Nash, Cunha, Xavier, J. Rocha, A. Rocha, Paulo, Cotrim.

Army: Lewis, Wallace, Hayes, Higgins, Ashworth, Walters, Stonehouse, Middleton, Morris, Riley, Walsley.

CLUB O. KMB 2 This match, which was played at the Club Stadium on Saturday, was in many ways like a complicated film. It was the sort of game you watch closely and think a lot about later on, and even then it is hard to work it all out.

As far as the score is concerned this came near to being one of the big upsets of the season, and there was a time during the play when it came closer still... yet it is hard to see why.

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ENGLAND'S FIRST GOAL



The ball entering the net after being headed by Bentley (No. 8) to score England's first goal against Germany at Wembley. Liebreck, the German centre-half, is still airborne in an attempt to save the shot. England won by 3 goals to 1.—Central Press Photo.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Easy Victories For
Braves And Saints

The hard-hitting Braves defeated the fighting Warriors 8-2 before a large crowd watching in the wintry weather at King's Park yesterday. Fielding errors cost the losers four runs, or the winning margin would have been smaller.

The Saints blanked the U.S. Navy 9-0 in the other Senior "A" League game behind Vic Pedruco's two-hitter. In the Senior "B" League, Blackhawks shellacked the Overseas 18-1 and the Americans walloped the University 18-1.

The ladies' contests were more keenly fought out. Colleen's "A" held back the CAA Ladies 15-10 and Overseas Ladies scored out the Colleen Bees in a last inning rally to win 24-23.

The Warriors-Braves game started early in the afternoon with the former batting first. They were sent off the field on a double kill and an infield putout.

On Braves' turn at bat Eddie Loureiro was given a free ticket and reached scoring position on some wild pitches. Carlu Yvanovich was fanned and Tony Osmund popped, but Manuel Gutierrez' fly was muffed and Eddie Loureiro first crossed the plate.

Manuel Gutierrez arrived on second on another wild pitch and Buji Dhabar's timely hit sent him home. Dhabar toured the diamond himself on wild throws.

In the second canto Warriors' Reginaldo Santos smacked a clean hit to left after one down and ran to third non-stop on a wild pitch. Fernando Marques sacrificed in vain but centre-fielder Alfredo's right fly was fair within a foot and Reginaldo came home easily. Joe Reis grounded for the third out.

Tiger Hussain of the Braves banged a good drive to mid-field with one away and made to second on a fumble. Pitcher Jock Brown was safe on first when the throw was dropped and Hussain advanced to third.

Brown went to second on the next pitch and Eddie Loureiro's squeeze bunt hit yielded one run. Carlu Yvanovich's sacrifice brought another.

Braves got one more run through errors by Manuel Gutierrez in the third and another in the fifth by same player. Warriors were unable to improve even though Stephen Xavier came in during the fourth inning and relieved Jimmy Cheng in the windy alley.

However, Warriors' were able to rump one run in the sixth. Braves' outlasted once also through foot-looted Eddie Loureiro.

The game ended 8-2 when Warriors went out three straight in the last.

Fernando Marques went all the way on the mound for Warriors and yielded eight hits. He steadied up, issuing only three walks and striking out one.

Jock Brown pitched six innings for the Braves and gave only three hits. He walked one and struck out one. Junior Samuels relieved him in the last with no run, no hit, no walk and no strike-out.

NAVY VS. SAINTS The U.S. Navy vs. Saints game was more like a practice game for the latter. Thirteen Old Joe went out to play by turns. They played an almost errorless match.

saved for one by catcher Erickson. The sailors were bobbling all the time and Saints scored four runs in the first through A. G. Ismail, Gussie Pereira, Dave Leonard and A. Ditta.

Gussie added another in the third. Onofre Souza in the fourth, and Ignar Erickson in the sixth.

Vic Pedruco put on the finishing touch by slugging a homer with Bimby Abiong on base. The final score was 9-0, though the Saints only got five hits.

The Senior "B" games were just one-way affairs. Blackhawks 'A' breezed through the Overseas' open field. The former reaped 10 runs in the opening canto through five walks and four hits, including a two-run homer by hurler Joey Greas.

The game slowed down when the Hawks added six in the second and another two in the third. The lovely run for Overseas was made in the first.

Renado Barretto pitched three innings for the Hunting Birds and Joey Greas two and each yielded one hit. The game was called off at the end of the fifth, with the score 10-1.

The Americans did the same to the University students, except that their rally came later in the bottom of the fourth inning where nine Yankees dented the rubber. They started with three in the first frame and won the third. The lone run for the undergraduates also came in the first canto and the game was called off at the end of the fifth. The final score was 13-1.

LADIES' GAMES In the Ladies' Division close competition was observed. The Colleen Aces managed to hold the Lady Athletics back, 15-10 despite the absence of almost all their star players. Their big rallies came in the first and third where they collected a total of 11 runs.

They added two each in the second and sixth; Dorothy Mendota and Henrietta Ozorio each bagged a homer.

The Lady Athletics' outthit their opponents 9-5. However, their fielding was erratic and contributed to unearned runs to their own defeat.

Overseas Ladies wrestled with Colleen Bees in a ding-dong battle and finally emerged victorious by a score of 24-23. They started well with a 2-1 lead in the first and reaped five more in the third inning.

The Bees were offered seven free tickets plus three errors and a total of 11 runs in the fourth canto to gain the lead at 12-7.

However, they returned, this hospitality in the fifth frame by giving up nine runs and receiving two and found themselves trailing behind 16-14.

Both sides pushed five runs across the plate and now came the crucial last inning. The Bees were happy when four of

them made a round tour and two opponents went out without any score.

However, the Overseas now were desperate and when they were offered two free passages they were able to tie the score by steals and assisted by the errors of the fielding Bees, another winning run came in and they finally closed out their hardy opponents by 24-23 to end the hot battle.

South China and Pandas Ladies also battled to a close 6-5 finish on Saturday afternoon. The score went 1-1 in the first, 3-2 in the second with Nall Wall leading and 4-4 at the end of third. The South China girls obtained another run in the fourth and held to the narrow margin till the seventh where the Pandas rallied in one run to make it a five-all tie.

However, the Pandas were unable to hold the Athletics in good check and yielded another run to lose by 6-5.

Only one Junior League game was played on Saturday in which South China Junior downed the Seventeeners 28-20. Overseas Juniors gave a walkover to the Dukes and the F. J. Dodger vs. CAA game was postponed.

Indian Shuttlers Resist Foreign Mixed Pairs

Bombay, Dec. 12. The Indonesian badminton players, Eddy Yustus and Ferry Sonnelille, both lost their matches in the quarter-finals of the Mixed Doubles in the Bombay International Tournament here to-day.

Yustus and Miss Margaret Verma (United States) lost to N. M. Nataraj and Miss S. Bhat (India) 10-15, 11-15, and Sonnelille and Miss Judy Devlin (United States), All-England and American Women's Champions, were defeated 15-10, 10-15 and 7-15 by another Indian pair, H. Ferralre and Miss S. Dabdan.—Renter.

CHOONG WINS London, Dec. 12. E. B. Choong, the All-England Badminton Champion, beat fellow Malaysian H. A. Heah, 15-11, 15-10 in the Men's Singles final of the London Championship, ending at Bournemouth today.

Eddy and his brother, E. L. Choong, defeated J. R. Best and W. C. Shiu, both England Internationalists, 15-11, 15-6 in the Men's Doubles final.

E. L. Choong and Miss B. J. Carpenter (England) beat Malaysia's Heah and Miss Amy Choong, cousin of the Choong brothers, 12-16, 15-7 in the Mixed Doubles final.—Renter.

Sir George Thomas
Retiring From
IBF Presidency

London, Dec. 12.

Sir George Thomas will retire from the Presidency of the International Badminton Federation next June with only of his foremost ambitions realised.

Sir George, President of the Federation since its foundation in 1934, donated the Thomas Cup just before the last war to further international badminton.

That 21 nations from four continents are competing this year illustrates the measure of his success.

This is only the third competition since the war prevented a start until 1948 when 10 countries took part. There were two more competing in 1951.

The present competition, which began in June this year and continues until June, 1955, has 21 nations taking part.

"BABY" HAS GROWN Sir George, now 73 and one of the world's finest players in his youth, has indeed claim that his "baby" has grown into a strapping youngster.

It was worldwide competition of this nature which he envisaged when taking a leading part in the formation of the International Federation 20 years ago.

The remarkable enthusiasm among Asian enthusiasts has done much to stimulate interest in the Cup. Europe too continues to gain new adherents. There are nine countries entered from the European Zone in the present competition and more are expected in the next.

Because of the number of entries there are now four zones: American, Asian, Australian and European. Formerly there were three. Zone winners will go to Singapore in May of next year to contest for the right to challenge Malaysia, the holders.

A Ladies' International Championship is to be launched in 1956/57. The first contest will be identical to the Thomas Cup in that there will be preliminary play in geographical zones with the winners playing off in Britain.

Subsequently the champion nation may be challenged directly by any other country. Under this arrangement countries will not be obliged to play every year, thus obviating expense.—China Mail Special.

Home Soccer Standings London, Dec. 11. Football League standings after today's matches were:

First Division	Wolves	21	12	0	4	29	28
Second Division	Stoke City	11	12	0	8	27	27
Third Division	Leeds	12	12	0	8	34	27
Fourth Division	Leeds	12	12	0	8	34	27
Fifth Division	Leeds	12	12	0	8	34	27

TABLE TENNIS Singapore Gains Walkaway Win Over Vietnam

Singapore, Dec. 11. The surprise of the Asian Table Tennis Championships here today was a five to two walkaway win by Singapore over the favourites, Vietnam.

Other scores in the Batavia Cup Championships for men's teams on this, the opening day of the nine-day Championships, were:

Philippines 3, India 4. India 5, Korea 4. Singapore 5, Korea 2. Vietnam 5, Malaysia 4.

In the women's team tournament for the Ramanujan Cup, Korea beat Malaysia 2-0.

The Hongkong and Taiwan teams are expected to arrive here on Monday.—France Press.

THE GAMBOLS



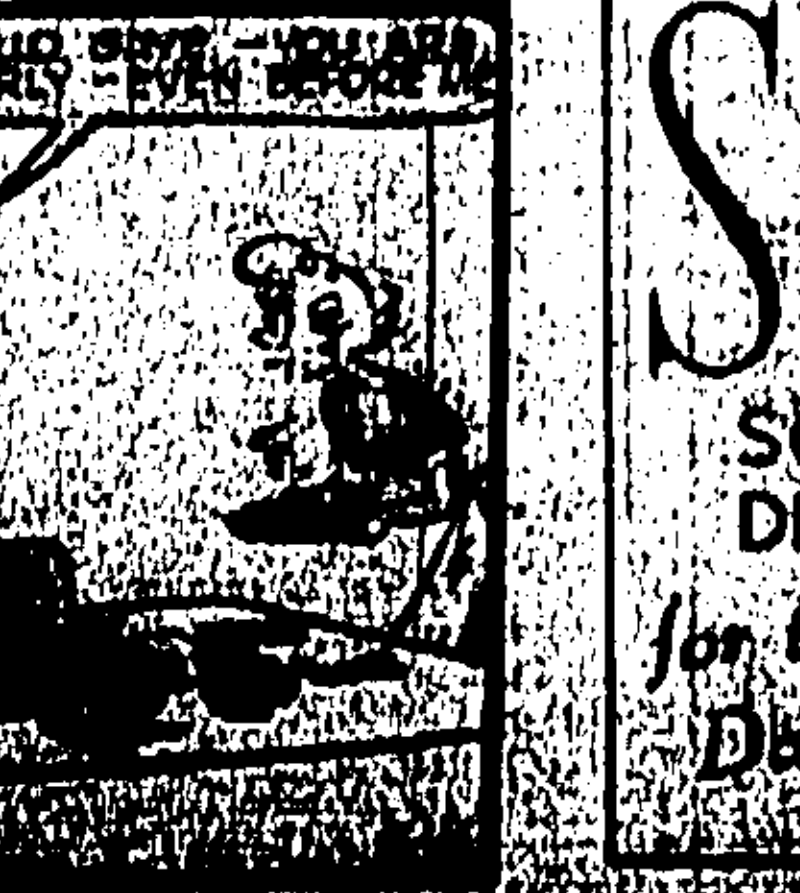
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PENTANGULAR TOURNAMENT

ARMY SCUTTLE THE NAVY
AND CLUB FIND THAT
LUCK IS ON THEIR SIDE

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon at Sookunpoo the Army scuttled the Navy and the Navy's chance of becoming the Pentangular winners this year when they beat them soundly by 14 points (2 tries, 1 goal, 1 penalty goal) to 3 points (1 penalty goal).

Following this the Club had luck on their side when they overcame the Police by 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) to nil. On Saturday morning the Navy's two centre three-quarters, Hewitt and Lloyd, both reported sick, and the Navy, despite all the available manpower, had to juggle their team around to get two new centres.

The three line as a result consisted mostly of wingers, who just did not combine well together. Luckily for the Navy, Harris at full back played a storming game and saved quite a few dangerous situations.

The Army three also were not up to their usual polished standard, and their passing at times, left much to be desired. It was therefore that the Navy's man in this match, and it was he who provided most of the openings for his three to score.

Mainly this was a forward game, and Thomas and Perry of the Army, and Anderson of the Navy, were the best in this department.

The Navy's forward line was very loose and there was a lot of play which was not seen, and even if forwards in both halves were lost their tempers.

The Navy kicked off and passed immediately and in no time found themselves on the Army 25 yards in a clear field in front of them.

Then came the first hint of trouble in the Navy team. The three passed forward with no aim in the close vicinity, and the Army took the ball from the loose man and Brentford cleared up field.

Then, gradually, the Army with some good foot rushes took play back into their opponents' half of the field.

Harris was well to greet them with some well-directed kicking and kept them at bay. He also kept half the Army away from a penalty.

The Navy fumbled the ball and there was a scrum on the Navy's five-yard line. The Army were outside, but the Navy's kick was gathered by the Army and Brentford got the ball and cut through, passing on to Harris who in turn passed to Thomas and scored the converted 3-0.

Rex Layne And
Neuhaus Fight
To A Draw

Dortmund, Germany, Dec. 12. America's Rex Layne, the "Utah Bull" boxed a draw against Heinz Neuhaus (Germany), the European Heavyweight Champion, here tonight. Layne attacked non-stop in the early part of the 10-round bout. Then Neuhaus, fifth-ranked world heavyweight fought back. In the last round they traded punches too to see neither could get in a finishing blow. The verdict brought a storm of protests from the crowd of 15,000, who thought the American had won. Layne was carried shoulder high to his dressing room.—Reuter.

Lille, Northern France, Dec. 12. France's Charles Humez, European Middleweight Boxing Champion, today defeated the Spanish Middleweight Champion, Pedro Gimenez, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Humez, fighting in his native region for the first time for more than a year, won when the referee stopped the fight.

Humez became Champion of Europe earlier this year when he won the title from Britain's Randolph Turpin.—France-Press.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP
FOR HAM RICHARDSON

Brisbane, Dec. 12. American tennis player Ham Richardson learned tonight that he had been elected to a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford University—and immediately locked himself in his room for an evening of study.

Richardson, a member of the United States Davis Cup team, is travelling here for the inter-zone final with Sweden this week. He said he planned to read law at Oxford after completing his Arts degree at Tulane University, Louisiana, in the middle of next year. He did not expect his Oxford scholarship would affect his chances in "big tennis."

Australia won the challenge round late this month, he would be able to play in the 1955 Davis Cup because the Oxford vacation began in December.

"An American victory would simplify things," he added. The challenge rounds would then be played in the United States before he went up to Oxford.—China Mail Special.

Navy pressed back with a good forward rush, and 35 yards out were awarded a penalty. Waiters placed it between the posts to level the score at 3-3.

Away went the Army three-quarters and the ball went to Thomas, backing up fast, and he passed on to Ingall, who was tackled into touch when it seemed he was absolutely sure to score. The lineout became a scrum and, the Army winning, Brentford tried to go through but was caught, and haphazardly slung away the ball. Owen picked it up and whipped through the Navy defence to score under the posts. Thomas converted 4-3.

The Army, by no means satisfied with their slender lead, attacked again, and this time Patterson, the Army full back, joined in as a three and ran well, then kicked ahead but the ball went over the dead ball line.

In the second half the Army immediately took the offensive, and the forwards with a nice touch took the ball to the Navy 25. The Army won the lineout and with the type of the Army at full back, even in the corner. The conversion was missed.

The Navy pressed back but the Army held them, then attacked in their turn, and Brentford found touch with a nice kick on the Navy 25.

From the lineout on his own, Harris was well to greet them with some well-directed kicking and kept them at bay. He also kept half the Army away from a penalty.

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CLUB V. POLICE

In the second game the Club started very well, but faded slowly. The forwards were definitely good, but the three line was, if anything, worse than before. They got plenty of the ball but ran straight across the field or in a backward direction. As a result the passing was sloppy, and as they had generally cut backwards many of the passes were forward.

The centres were far too greedy with the ball and when they did let it out to the wingers, they were easily bundled into touch.

The obvious answer to this is new blood in the centre, but the Club this year has a great shortage of three and should find it difficult to replace those they have.

The two halves, Henderson and Turville did well, with Henderson showing much of his old guile. In the forwards, Talmo was very conspicuous, in both the loose and the set pieces, while Martin did well as the new wing forward. This is just as well as the Club are losing Steven in the near future, and Kivert is injured.

Petrie also shone and often dashed in to cover up a fumble by his three.

The Police, without Lloyd, who is now out of hospital, didn't hit it off quite so well, but hard tackling seems to have at last got into their blood and they have little to blame themselves for in this game, at least in the tackling department.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	L	D	F	Pts
Army	3	3	0	0	4	6
Club	3	2	0	1	10	4
RAF	2	1	1	2	14	3
Navy	4	1	1	2	17	2
Police	3	0	3	3	34	0

THE TEAMS

Army: Patterson, Owen, Blincoe, Ingall, Brentford, Parkinson, Bevan-Thomas, Reid, Booth, Chisholm, Ferry, Thomas, Coulthurst, Hill.

Navy: Harris, Sheering, Shelton, Hassell, Alwood, Walter, Wolfe, Beynon, Laco, Richards, Annandale, Harris, Tonkin, Westbury, Culverwell.

Club: Stoker, Morrison, Ewart, Ralinger, Ingalls, Turville, Henderson, Slack, V. Russell, Rogers, Hartgroves, Armstrong, Wright, Martin, Talmo, Petrie.

RAF: Brown, Nash, Scott, McIlven, Forsyth, Sloan, Elliott, Dunnelline, Colborne, Shelley, Perry, Todd, Bryan, Carpenter, Dawson.

DIVING ROBBERY



A bold dive by Sheffield United goalkeeper Burgin takes him to the feet of Charlton Athletic inside-right Stuart Leary to rob him of an almost certain goal in the First Division game at the Valley, London. (Charlton won 3-1.—Reuterphoto.)

Week-end Of Upsets In
The Cricket League

By "GOOGLY"

Both the RAF and Recreio lost their unbeaten records in the Senior and Junior divisions of the Cricket League respectively over the week-end, the airmen going down to the strong Army South XI by nine wickets at Sookunpoo while Recreio were humbled by Dockyard at King's Park, going down by three wickets.

It was a week-end of upsets with no fewer than three matches in the Senior Division and two in the Junior being won by the "underdogs." The major upset in the Senior Division saw Police beating the Optimists by 26 runs at Happy Valley.

The home team went in to bat first and amassed a total of 180 runs, the main contributors being Williamson (35), Woodhouse (30), and Rendon (22). The last named claimed five optimum wickets for 46 runs. In reply to the Police total, Optimists could only muster 134 runs.

Over at the other side of Happy Valley, CCC's George Souza struck his old form, carried his bat for an undefeated 77 and paved the way to victory for his side. CCC declared their innings at 161 for four.

The Recreio boys encountered difficulty in the opening when four of their batsmen were sent back to the pavilion with only 18 runs on the board. Then Dr Eddie Gosano went in

and had a good knock for 31 runs, being the only Recreio batsman to reach double figures.

After only 16 overs the Recreio team were all back at the clubhouse with only 75 runs. CCC won by 80 runs.

LUCKY SCORPIONS

The other minor upset in this division was in the Scorpions-Navy game at Chater Road. The home side were lucky to salvage one point from the sailors. The Navy, with some new faces in the side, went in to bat first and collected a huge score of 211 for seven. Longworth and Murray were the principal scorers for the sailors, the former knocking up 56 and the latter 67.

L. Stanton was the only batsman of the home team who scored up to the Navy's attack. He was undefeated with 68.

As predicted, the Army South whitewashed University and came away with four points and a ten-wicket victory. The undergraduates could only muster 77 runs before they declared for eight. The Army's opening pair of Withall and Mead surpassed the score without any difficulty.

In a postponed match played at Sookunpoo yesterday, Army South defeated RAF by nine wickets. RAF started off shakily and three wickets fell with only 14 runs on the board. Lee, batting stubbornly, defied the Army attack and contributed a very useful 31 before he was leg before wicket.

Withall and Mead once again did what was necessary with the former scoring 35 and the latter 45 not out.

In the Junior Division, Dockyard can boast of being the first team to lower the Recreio colours with a fine three-wicket victory.

The other upset in this division saw the Navy "A" going down to the IRC in a low

scoring game played at King's Park. The sailors were all out for 55 runs and in return the Indians could only muster 27.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division	P	W	L	D	Pts
Army South	10	7	1	2	30
RAF	7	5	1	1	21
KCC	8	5	2	1	21
Army North	8	5	2	1	21
Recreio	8	4	3	1	17
Police	8	4	4	1	17
Optimists	8	4	4	0	16
Scorpions	7	3	2	2	14
CCC	8	2	6	0	8
Navy	8	0	7	1	1
University	7	0	7	0	0

Second Division	P	W	L	D	Pts
Army	9	6	2	1	25
RAF	9	5	2	2	22
Dockyard	11	5	4	2	22
IRC "A"	9	5	3	1	21
KCC	9	5	3	1	21
Recreio	8	4	1	1	17
Police	8	4	3	1	17
DBS	10	4	5	1	17
IRC "B"	9	4	5	0	16
Navy	9	3	5	1	13
KGW	10	2	7	1	9
University	8	0	8	0	0

HONG PAIRS
RESULTS

The following were the results of the Colony Hong Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship matches (First Round) played during the week-end:

At KBGC, Gilman's (Tim-da/Rahman) beat Sanitary Dept (Champlow/Omar) 20-13; H.K. Land Office (Doer/Wilson) beat Army (Linders/Goldsmith) 24-15; KDC (Gourlay/Elliott) beat Central Radio (Dr. Atienza/Cotton) 28-18; Tal-koo (Spence/McA Fraser) beat Ho-lond China (Van Heek/Tang) 17-14; B & S (Curry/Wyper) beat SCM Post (Lau/Fongson) 21-13; Marine Dept (Fletcher/Ebbs) lost to E. M. PWD (Baker/Greenwood) 18-23; HK Aircraft (Green/Parker) lost to DCI (Neish/Leonard) 10-28.

At Recreio, EDC (G. Hill Agnew) lost to Marine Dept (Traill/Edwards) 18-23.

At KCC, HKEC (Cochran/Neves) beat Inland Revenue (Finney/Scott) 20-18; PWD (Cottler/Arllies) to Talkoo Douglas/Gardner) 11-20; CHKEC (Nunes/Rumahn) rec'd w/o from Police (Ross/Askew).

At KDC, Lowe Bingham (Gordon/Watson) lost to H. Nolasco (Pereira/Silva) 10-28; Shewan & Sons (Squidra/Celho) beat AFC (Gutierrez/Pereira) 23-14; Lane Crawford (Leo/Ozley) beat Rondon (Castillo/Gautier) 41-9.

JOLLY ROGER'S
NEW INTEREST

London, Dec. 12. Dr Roger Bannister, the first man to run a mile in under four minutes, is to help boys to keep fit in his spare time.

The British runner, who last week announced his retirement from international racing, has become President of the Fil-ness Scheme Panel of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, which aims at testing powers of speed, spring, skill, strength and stamina.—China Mail Special.

Stewards Must
Probe Into
New Hurdles

Racing Reporter JAMES PARK

London.

The new brush hurdles are in the experimental stage and alterations may be necessary—but I am all in favour of these new obstacles. Tim Molony suggests that a better test would be provided if the height was increased six inches and sloped at a greater angle.

At present they provide a modified form of steeplechasing.

I would suggest that the stewards of the National Hunt Committee call two conferences. One could consist of half a dozen of the leading jockeys who have ridden over the new type. The other could be made up of a similar number of trainers who more or less confine their attention to racing under National Hunt rules.

DIFFERENT VIEWS

Why I suggest two conferences instead of a mixed one of trainers and jockeys is that there are two different viewpoints to be obtained.

The jockeys have had the experience of riding over the obstacles, and it could be discovered whether others agree with Molony that an alteration in height and sloping is the answer.

The trainers regard the matter mainly from the effect on the horses. There does not seem to be a unanimous opinion among the trainers I spoke to, but the majority favoured the new type because the horses are less likely to damage their legs.

That does not necessarily come from bad jumping as so many seem to think. Some of the best hurdlers I have known would rap the obstacles without losing any ground. One such was Trespas, the best hurdler I have seen.

CANNOT ESCAPE

It is swinging hurdles which cause most damage, and the best jumper in the world cannot escape that.

It is beside the point to say the brush hurdles will cause horses to take chances when they are put over fences. There is a vast difference between the two branches of National Hunt racing, and they should not be confused.

With proper schooling a "chaser" can be made to realise fences have to be cleared and not merely brushed through. There is just as much difference between "chasing" and hurdlers as between flat-racing and hurdlers.

Having gone so far, the stewards of the NH Committee should probe the matter still further to see if that should be avoided. I am inclined to think that Tim Molony may have supplied the answer.

I do not think the top of the brush hurdles should be stiffened. That would transform them into small fences, and that should be avoided. I am inclined to think that Tim Molony may have supplied the answer.

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West German Exports Outstrip Britain

London, Dec. 13.

West German exports have risen faster than British exports this year, a Government report declared here today.

The report said that in the first nine months of this year West German exports rose by 20 per cent and British exports by six per cent over the same period last year.

It added that West German exports had been helped, particularly this year, "by the rapid expansion of demand in their main markets in West Europe."

The report, a Bulletin for Industry, issued by the Treasury, said: "They have not been affected as much as our exports have been by the fall in United States and Canadian imports."

40 PER CENT MORE "In total, however, the United Kingdom is still exporting 40 per cent as much again as Germany."

The bulletin added: "In the sterling area, German exports are about a tenth of ours; to Western Europe, our exports are 3/5 of the German."

Our export trade is linked to the prosperity of the sterling area, and the German export trade is linked to the prosperity of the sterling area.

The West European market has, since 1950, expanded more than the sterling area market. "In the first half of 1954, Western Europe (excluding Ger-

many) was importing at a rate 35 per cent above the year 1950, by value. The sterling area (excluding the United Kingdom) was importing 20 per cent more."

The Treasury statement said Britain had a bigger stake in the American and Canadian markets, selling "two to three times as much as West Germany."

But it added: "We have previously pointed out that in the United States and Canadian markets, in the first eight months of 1954, our exports to these markets were 12 per cent below 1953, German exports four per cent."

The bulletin declared that in Central and South America, West Germany had taken Britain's place as the largest exporter after the United States.

The Treasury bulletin added: "To all other markets, German exports are now in total about the same as ours."

We export more to the Middle East as a whole, and to Finland; Germany's exports are higher in East Europe, to Russia, Japan and Yugoslavia."

Comparing the British and West German successes in their world-wide trading struggle, the bulletin made these comments:

Non-electric machinery—the Germans are now exporting about as much as Britain. Metals and metal manufactures—British exports, including arms, have risen since 1951, while West Germany's have fallen.

And textiles—both countries have increased their exports since last year by the same absolute amount; "our exports are now about double theirs."

Chemical exports from both countries are rising, but "German exports have been going up a bit, and have now passed ours."

Coal and coke—"Germany exports a pool deal more than we do, 25 million metric tons in 1953 compared with our 16 million tons."

TRANSPORT "We still have a clear lead, but this is mainly because there are no German exports of aircraft, which earned us more in 1953 than exports of ships and tanks; in these, Germany has greatly caught up."

Textiles, food, drink, tobacco, petroleum and products—"the German total is small compared with ours. Germany has little share in the international oil market; we have a considerable advantage there."

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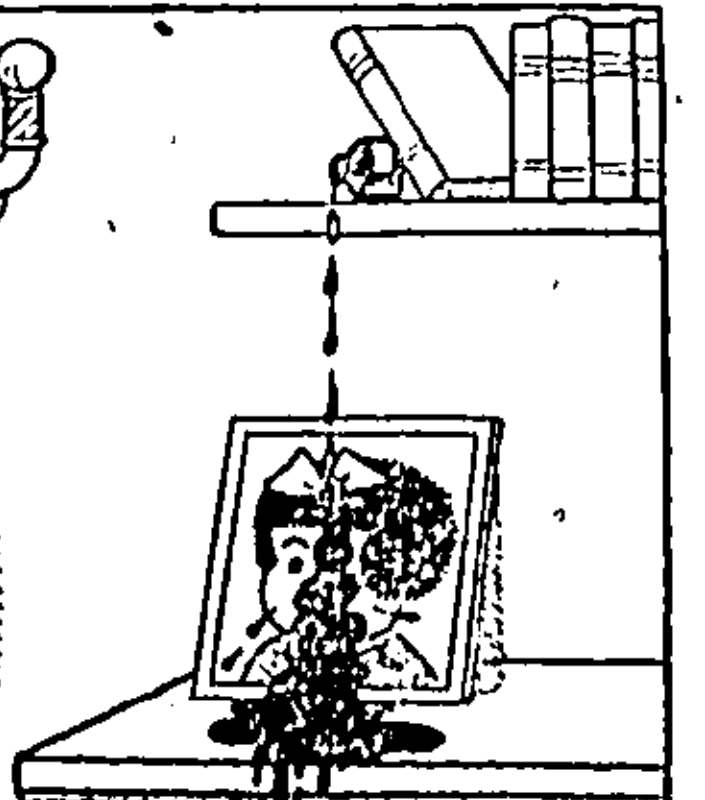
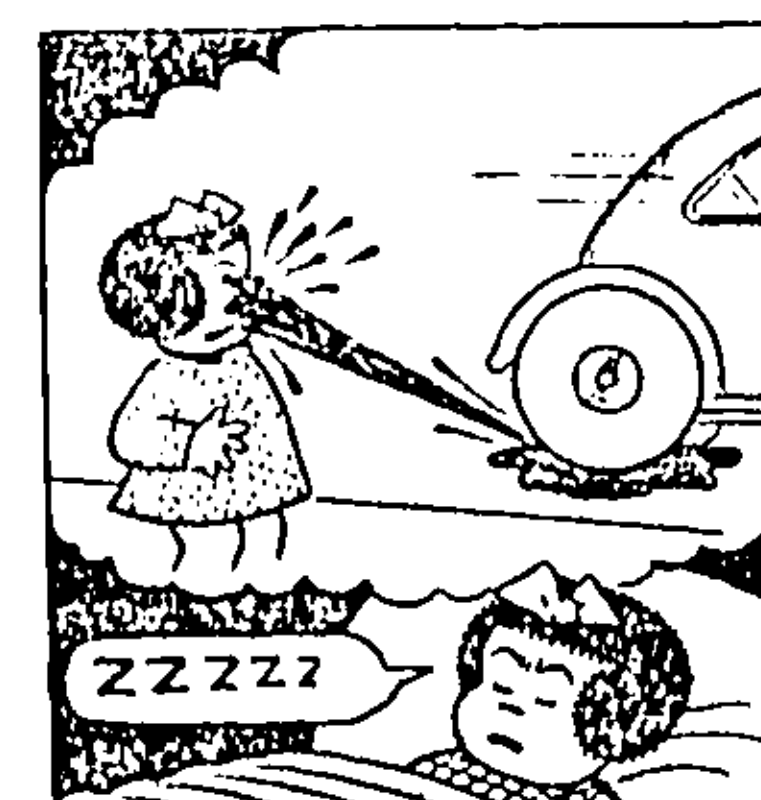
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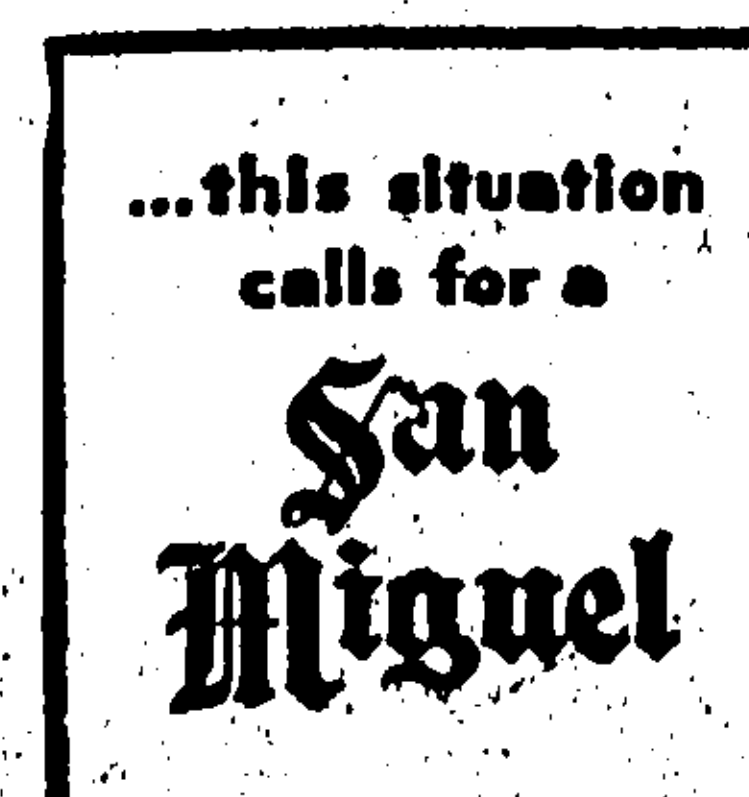
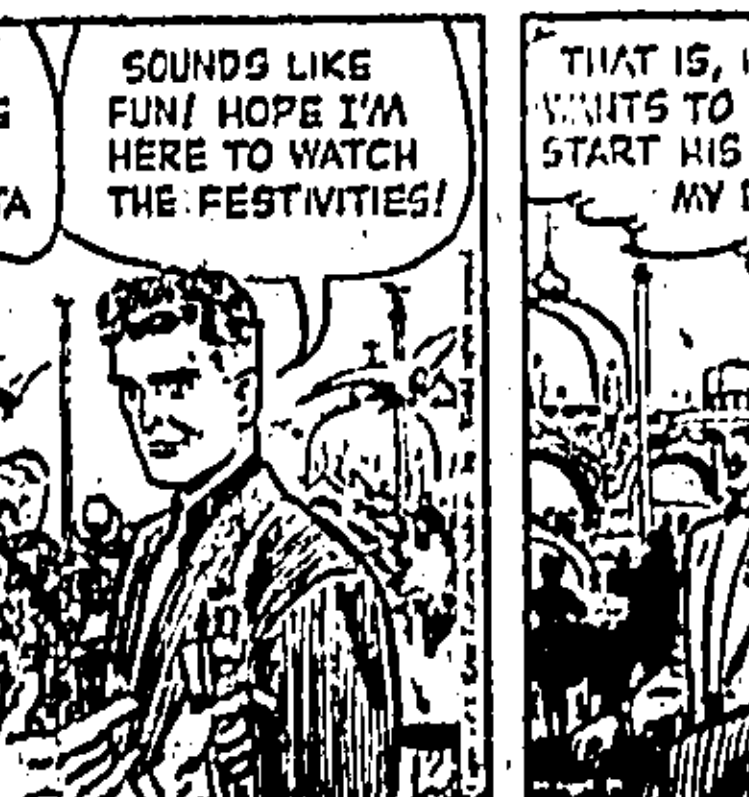
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Not Enough Rain In Spain In The Dams

The lights have gone off again in Spain owing to drought.

All Spanish cities have "cuts" totalling 30 hours a week. All illuminated signs are suppressed. Commercial users of electricity must cut their consumption by half and even electric rail services have been cut by ten per cent.

This disruption of life in Spain almost every autumn, when the dams run dry, is the subject of much criticism.

One of Spain's leading industrialists, Don Jose Maria Oriol, has said: "In the last ten years, the losses to the national economy due to electric power restrictions total 30,000 million pesetas (£300,000,000)."

St. Vidal Bartulis, a Barcelona power expert, giving the same estimate of 30,000 million pesetas of damage to the national economy, added: "But this staggering figure is not the whole story. In 1951 a 100,000 million pesetas (£1,000,000) has been spent on individual emergency generators."

Americans in Spain have expressed their amazement that 15 years after the end of the civil war, the life of Spain is still threatened with economic upheaval and great personal discomfort every time a dry spell occurs.

Several offers have been made to install American emergency power plants in Spain, but the Spanish Government is believed to consider such a solution too costly.

A leading and reliable economic review, Balance, published an editorial accusing the Government's failure to find a solution to the shortage of electric power.

The article, which attracted much attention in industrial and financial circles, referred to the "present lack of foresight" in the problem.

Although the shortage of electric power is the principal basic to Spain's development, it continued, "the most modern methods and the best modern methods have still not been mobilised to deal with the problem."

There is an evident lack of co-ordination among the various bodies dealing with this question.

This lack of co-operation makes possible that:

Many dams built by the State still have no generating plant installed;

Many approved schemes for producing power are not being carried out; and

Large dams exist to regulate the flow of rivers without the subsidiary plants to utilise the power of these rivers, leaving them in a state of nature after this should have been done.

No investigation into the "freedom of State and private ownership has been made so that we may know where it would not be better for our electric power than to widen the number of owners by 'democratising' certain important goods."

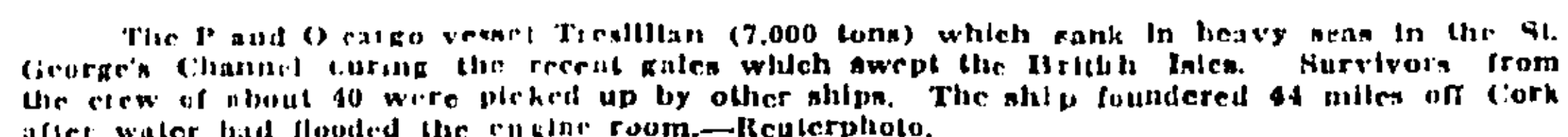
Government circles' reply to this was that the Government has made an enormous effort in this field and has enabled power production since the civil war.

The installation of a coal-fueled burning plant for the big cities is described in these circles as unduly expensive in view of the fact that the plants would only function during dry spells.

Some economic circles believe that the Government has underestimated national power needs and has failed to concentrate on imports of generating machinery in preference to non-essential products.

These circles allege also that it might have been wiser to have moved as the Alcantara and Ro Pinto Mines for £7,000,000 and have applied this currency towards solving the urgent power problem.

What the man-in-the-street thinks of a situation which deprives him of light three days a week, causes him to have to climb endless flights of stairs because the lift does not work, and may reduce him to half-time in his work, was reflected in a newspaper cartoon of a man gazing gloomily out of his window at a sun rising in a sky empty of clouds



Several others followed. They are clerks, farmers, industrial workers, professional men, people from all walks of life who decided "to do their bit" to help the integration of

share. "POOR HOUSE" Another call is for the creation of a great North-western state round Lower Saxony, Bremen and Hamburg, and including even Schleswig-Holstein, often called Germany's "poor house."

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NO REPLY FROM CHINA TO TELEGRAM SENT BY MR HAMMARSKJOLD

New York, Dec. 12.

Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, today still awaited China's reply to his offer to go to Peking for direct talks with Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister, concerning the release of 11 gaoled American airmen and other captured United Nations Command personnel still detained.

United Nations officials said they doubted whether there would be a reply today. In his cable to Mr Chou, Mr Hammarskjold asked whether the Prime Minister would receive him in Peking and suggest a visit soon after December 20.

Mr Hammarskjold was requested by the General Assembly on Friday to seek "by the means most appropriate in his judgment" the men's release and to report progress by December 31.

NEWSPAPER COMMENTS
In London two leading British newspapers, the Times and the Manchester Guardian, today expressed some pessimism at the chances of Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General, being able to secure the release of United States airmen.

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A BOLD MOVE
The Times in an editorial, called Mr Hammarskjold's request to Peking for personal discussions about the airmen a bold move which will have the support of the free world and added, "It would be unrealistic, however, to overlook the obstacles and pitfalls in wait for the Secretary-General, even supposing his offer is not turned down out of hand."
Mr Hammarskjold is the symbol and personification of an organization which not only excludes Communist China from its membership but which at present recognizes the Nationalists on Formosa as the legitimate rulers of China.
"He would be travelling to Peking if his offer was accepted as a result of a General Assembly resolution sponsored by a majority, which included the representative of General Chiang Kai-shek."

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Prosecution And Defence Deliver Closing Addresses In Rape Case

The trial of Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 49, charged with rape, reached its concluding stages at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Counsel for the Prosecution and Defence delivered their closing addresses to the Special Jury.

In ending his speech, Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, submitted that the doctor was "guilty of the meanest betrayal of trust ever committed in a professional manner, all for the sake of the base satisfaction of his sexual desire."

The accused was alleged to have had carnal knowledge of Tam Shun, 24-year-old seamstress without her consent in his clinic at 436 Nathan Road, first floor, on August 28.

Mr Blair-Kerr was assisted in the Prosecution by Mr Simon L. Crown Counsel, Detective Inspector W. Watson was for the Police.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi defended the doctor, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

The case is being tried before Mr Justice C. W. Rees. In his address, Mr Blair-Kerr submitted that the Prosecution had proved its case beyond all reasonable doubt.

Tam Shun, he said, had supported the Prosecution's charge in the evidence she gave that there had been a rape by fraud. Never for one moment did she say anything that made her a liar in the witness box.

Mr Blair-Kerr told the Jury they must consider the demeanour of witnesses. They should not only take into account what the witnesses said in the witness box, but also how they said it.

He said the Jury may be wondering as he himself had been wondering throughout the hearing—what the defence was in this case. During Tam Shun's cross-examination, the implication was that she had consented to the rape. There were suggestions to witnesses, although there was no evidence that Tam Shun was procured by a certain person named Wong Yee-sum.

There was no suggestion made to Tam Shun, in her cross-examination, however, that she knew she was being procured by Wong Yee-sum.

There was no evidence that Tam Shun had any ulterior motive other than telling the Court and Jury how she was raped by the accused.

"The defence had tried to drag in what I might call a red herring in the form of triad societies, but there was no evidence whatsoever that Tam Shun knew of any triad society," Mr Blair-Kerr went on.

He reminded the Jury that they had seen the girl cry in the witness box. "You, as men of the world, know the difference between crocodile tears and genuine tears," he declared.

It was no laughing matter for Tam Shun to go into the witness box and give her story. Referring to the accused's remark that he had been trapped, the prosecutor asked as to what the doctor meant, by that. He said he did not know whether he meant he had been

trapped by Tam Shun or by other persons.

"We are left completely in the dark by these suggestions," he added.

Mr Blair-Kerr went on to say that he did not think the members of the Jury would have any doubt that sexual intercourse took place. As to the question of consent, they had the complainant's denial that she had consented to nothing except what she thought was a treatment for a stomach ailment.

If there had in fact been a procurement, then why the need for the injections for Tam Shun? he asked. If there was consent, why should Tam Shun choose a doctor's surgery at 1.00 in the afternoon and have sexual intercourse with a man she never saw in her life?

"Remember, Gentlemen, you are dealing with a decent Chinese girl. There is not the slightest evidence and it was not suggested before the Court that Tam Shun was an immoral girl."

Mr Blair-Kerr pointed out that Inspector Watson was cross-examined on triad societies, and Dr. Pang (Police surgeon) was questioned on the powers of the Medical Board. What all these had to do with the case, he did not know.

He submitted it was a clear case of rape by fraud, that the girl was taken completely unaware.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"First let's pay this butcher's bill—his wife is in our bridge club and she's a very outspoken woman!"

ANOTHER YEAR ON APPEAL

In an appeal against sentence heard in the Appeal Court this morning, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg (Puisne Judge) remarked that the term of one year imposed on Mak Wai for receiving stolen property was somewhat on the light side, in view of his number of previous convictions, and increased the sentence to two years' hard labour.

Mak Wai, who had been sentenced by Mr Creedon in Kowloon, admitted 12 previous convictions, the majority of them for breach of a deportation order.

He had asked for a reduction of sentence, because he said he had an aged mother who was left uncared for since he was gaoled.

Wong Woon, with 13 previous convictions, appealed against sentences totalling two years and two months' hard labour for burglary and larceny in a dwelling and larceny of a bird.

He said he was a victim of circumstances, having lost his job as an earth cooler, and had been living on borrowed money. Recently his friends had refused to lend him any more money so he was forced to commit the offences. He added he had been in gaol for some time and had suffered enough.

NO MERIT

His Lordship said he found no merit in the appeal and dismissed it.

Sentenced by Mr Creedon in Kowloon to 15 months' hard labour and nine strokes of the cane for larceny from the person, Wong Cheung asked the Court to reduce the number of strokes. He said he merely snatched a handbag and had not used violence.

Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, said appellant had approached a woman at a bus stop and snatched her handbag. He was chased and caught. He added that not long before that offence appellant had been sentenced to one month for attempted larceny.

His Lordship, observing appellant had eight previous convictions, dismissed the appeal.

ATTEMPTED LARCENY

Ng Suk-ping, a Northerner, appealed against his conviction for attempted larceny from the person and breach of bond. He had been sentenced to two months on the first count by Mr Poon at Central, who had increased the bond of \$1,000 or six months on the second count.

Appellant claimed he had been wrongly convicted and asked to be released.

Mr Justice Gregg said his Court was not a court of retrial. The Magistrate had heard the facts and had found appellant guilty. If appellant had any point of law to raise, His Lordship said he would consider it.

Appellant replied he very much liked to make submissions on law but he knew nothing about law.

Mr Hobley told the Court that appellant had been bound over for disorderly conduct. The appeal was dismissed.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
12.30 p.m. Programme Summary:
12.30, Double Attraction—Richard Hayman (Accompanied) with his Orch. Orchestra (Voice Solo) "The Signal", Robert Farnon and his Orchestra; 1.15, News Weather Report and Special Announcements; 1.30, Music for you; 2, Close down; 6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.15, Children's Half Hour presented by Betty Ann (Studio); 6.30, Australian Trade Catalogue—The Monthly Review of Australian Industry; 6.45, News and Weather Report; 6.55, World News (London Relay); 7.10, Commentary (London); 7.15, Stock Exchange; 7.15, "Box 20"—Bert Gifford at the Organ (10.15); 7.25, "Flamingo" (Accompanied); 7.30, Educational Article—With Peter (Studio); 7.45, A History of British Music—Written and narrated by Miss Robertson; 7.55, The Twentieth Century; 8.00, News and Weather Report; 8.15, News and Weather Report; 8.30, News and Weather Report; 8.45, News and Weather Report; 8.55, News and Weather Report; 9.00, News and Weather Report; 9.15, News and Weather Report; 9.30, News and Weather Report; 9.45, News and Weather Report; 9.55, News and Weather Report; 10.00, News and Weather Report; 10.15, News and Weather Report; 10.30, News and Weather Report; 10.45, News and Weather Report; 10.55, News and Weather Report; 11.00, News and Weather Report; 11.15, News and Weather Report; 11.30, News and Weather Report; 11.45, News and Weather Report; 11.55, News and Weather Report; 12.00, News and Weather Report.

Mail Notices

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
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Japan, Middle East, Africa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, 6 p.m.
Malaya, 6 p.m.
Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
My Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

Bailey Case Adjourned For 24 Hours

The trial of Albert Francis Bailey, 33, merchant, facing three charges of libel was adjourned to 9.30 a.m. tomorrow by Mr Justice J. Reynolds, Acting Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on an application by Mr Arthur Hooton, QC, Solicitor-General.

Mr Hooton said there were ten photostatic copies of over 500 documents, which accused had or wished to produce in Court, and it was impossible to sort them out at the present stage. He said he did not want any adjournment unless it was essential, but possibly the best thing to do was to adjourn the trial until tomorrow morning when it would be possible to have complete sets of documents for the Jury. Obviously the documents were going to be referred to by the accused and the only way the Jury could hope to follow his defence was to have the documents in front of them, he said.

Bailey said he seconded everything that had been said by the Solicitor-General.

INTERESTS OF JUSTICE
Addressing the Jury, Mr Justice Reynolds said he thought it was necessary in the interests of justice to adjourn the case once again. The accused, in his evidence in justification, would have to refer to numerous documents and it would be quite impossible to hear the evidence without referring to the copies of the documents. Bailey said he wished to point out that in all he would refer to four previous actions, an appeal and another summary jurisdiction action.

Hearing was then adjourned. Bailey was alleged to have maliciously published defamatory libels in the form of three letters to Messrs P. H. Sin, Y. H. Chan and S. K. Yee.

Mr Hooton and Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Insp. R. Dudman.

CHOPPER ATTACK ON WOMEN

A chopper attack on two women, one of whom was the wife of the accused, was related to Judge A. D. Scholes in the Victoria District Court this morning, when Ng Kai-yip, alias Ng Lit-chun, 62, unemployed, appeared on two counts of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Accused pleaded guilty to maliciously wounding his wife, Lui Lin-yuet, 55, and his wife's friend, Mak Wai, 45, on September 5 last.

He was sentenced to four years and six months' imprisonment on each count, the terms to run concurrently.

Court Insp. T. Kavanagh said both women resided in a hut on Tin Hau Temple Road, which was long ago closed, and on the faith—must we say bad faith—of which government servants who are not to be paid from home, claim, and it is said are by anticipation allowed, exemption from the income-tax. Perhaps they may appear that however disadvantageous to the community, there is some other end to serve by delay. But surely Sir John Bowring with his bodily as well as mental activity, is not going to bring discredit upon his political tenets by evading, like his predecessor, the opportunity of giving effect to them, or even postponing it until he returns from a diplomatic trip to Siam, when perhaps he may assume, if he cannot use the former phraseology, and say, "reassume the duties of Governor."

WIFE WAS ASLEEP
About 5.15 a.m. on September 5, accused attacked his wife with a chopper taken from the kitchen while she was asleep. He inflicted multiple injuries to her. She lost a couple of fingers and some of the wounds went right down to the bone.

Accused then went into the cubicle occupied by Mak Wai, who was also asleep, and likewise attacked her, inflicting a deep gash over her left eye and causing her to suffer a fracture of her left foot among other injuries.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, accused claimed he built the hut at a cost of \$400 and had let it out as a means of income. He said he had a quarrel with the two women and they belaboured him with a bamboo pole.

Accused asked for a reduction of sentence, but this was refused by His Honor, who commented it was "a disgraceful case."

He ordered the sentences on both counts to run from October 31.

From Our Files
100 Years Ago

Mr Walker has adopted a step greatly calculated to promote the public convenience, and, we trust, the interests of the P. & O. Company. It is, to run a steamer between Hongkong and Canton, and vice versa, on the alternate days with the H. & C. Company, so that there will be a daily communication between the two places. The plan has come into operation within the past week.

But, as the H. & C. Steamers are to be sold by auction on the 13th, it must depend altogether on the purchaser whether or not they will be continued on their present service; and there will be less chance of this should there be more than one purchaser.

Government Gazette
Sir,—As very few people know what appears in the Government Gazette, except through the reprints in your columns, and as you may not think it necessary to record the movements of officials beyond giving their names among the passengers in your shipping list, I would beg to ask you a question about two consecutive notifications in the last Gazette. The first states that "His Excellency Sir John Bowring, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, has returned to the Colony;" the other that "The Honourable C. B. Hillier, Esq., Chief Magistrate of Police, having returned to the Colony, has resumed the duties of his office."

Formerly when our Governors came back from a wild-goose chase, it was publicly notified that they had "resumed their duties," as is now done in the case of the Chief Magistrate. Can you, Sir, explain the important omission in the case of our present head man? Is it that he is not really head man within the Colony? or that he has no duties there to resume? If either surmise be correct, then I would ask further, why is he designated Governor and Commander-in-Chief, &c., &c?—I am, &c.,

QUERIST.
The omission of the usual phraseology in the notification of the Governor's return to the Colony, is not likely to have been the result of mere oversight, but what it may be intended to indicate is matter for conjecture. It is said that Downing Street Instructions are to the effect that the affairs of the Colony are to be administered by the Lieutenant Governor; but it may very well be doubted that any such private instructions can supersede Commissions under the Queen's signet and sign manual, and according to these, Sir John Bowring possesses all the powers of his predecessor, and Colonel Cairne is authorized to enter upon and exercise them only in the absence of the Governor.

The former therefore has duties to "resume," and very important duties too; not the least of which is to frame the Municipal Constitution, which was long ago ordered, and on the faith—must we say bad faith—of which government servants who are not to be paid from home, claim, and it is said are by anticipation allowed, exemption from the income-tax. Perhaps they may appear that however disadvantageous to the community, there is some other end to serve by delay. But surely Sir John Bowring with his bodily as well as mental activity, is not going to bring discredit upon his political tenets by evading, like his predecessor, the opportunity of giving effect to them, or even postponing it until he returns from a diplomatic trip to Siam, when perhaps he may assume, if he cannot use the former phraseology, and say, "reassume the duties of Governor."

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BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send ALL BAGGAGE to the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE, by Noon on Thursday, 16th December.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passenger themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 17th December, 1954.

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